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**Dexter O. Collins, Sr. Memorial Highway Facility
Dedicated October 19, 2002**

**For The Year Ending
December 31, 2002**

ABOUT THE PICTURE ON THE COVER

The Dexter O. Collins, Sr. Memorial Highway Facility was completed in October of 2002. The dedication plaque reads:

Dexter O. Collins, Sr. Memorial Highway Facility Dedicated October 19, 2002

This Highway Facility is dedicated to the memory of Dexter O. Collins, Sr. (1909 - 2000) who served as Road Agent for the Georges Mills' end of Town starting in 1943 and for the center of Town starting in 1945, until his retirement in 1971. His efforts resulted in the development of many of the town's roads, as we know them today.

A life-long resident of Sunapee, Dexter was dedicated to community service. He was a long-term member of the Sunapee Fire Department and played a leading role in the construction of the Fire Station in 1953.

Dexter's legacy of dedication, sincerity and honesty have left a lasting impression on his town. He is remembered with pride and respect.

This highway facility was made possible by the efforts of many. Special recognition and thanks go to:

- The voters of Sunapee, who listened, evaluated, and exercised their right to vote;
 - The Gallup Family for their donation of a major portion of the site;
 - The craftsmen and sub contractors who did the work, and often gave freely of their time and expertise; and to
 - All who gave their time and energy to the fulfillment of this vital facility
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The picture was taken by John Wheeler, with thanks to Harold Yanofsky for the helicopter ride.

IN MEMORIAM
Bernie A. Ross
 1929 ~ 2003



Bernie A. Ross moved to Sunapee as a teenager and served in the Army Air Corps in the occupation forces in Japan after World War II. After the war, he married Kathryn Cross, settled in Georges Mills, and served on the Georges Mills Company of the Sunapee Fire Department. After four years as a part-time police officer for Sunapee, he became the first full-time Police Chief in 1969, which position he held to 1981.

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MODERATOR

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Term Expires 2004

SELECTMEN

Frederick C. Gallup, Chairman

Term Expires 2004

William H. Chalmers

Term Expires 2003

William Roach

Term Expires 2003

Stephen W. White

Term Expires 2005

Emma M. Smith

Term Expires 2004

TOWN MANAGER

John B. Wheeler

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Betty H. Ramspott

Term Expires 2003

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Eileen Stiles

TREASURER

Francis C. Gallup

Term Expires 2003

POLICE CHIEF

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ROAD AGENT

J. Anthony Bergeron

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Don Wrightington

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Justine Cutting

Republican

Robert Haselton, Jr.

Republican

John V. Chesson

Democrat

Sally J. Putonen

Democrat

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Charles Balyeat

Term Expires 2004

Charlotte Brown

Term Expires 2004

David Montambeault

Term Expires 2003

Edwin Dodge

Term Expires 2005

John Mapley

Term Expires 2004

CABLE CONTRACT STUDY COMMITTEE

Patricia Brown

Resigned

Charles Carey

Term Expires 2002

Douglas Munro

Term Expires 2002

T. Parssinen

Term Expires 2003

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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Term Expires 2005

Brenda Franzen

Term Expires 2004

Jeffrey S. Trow

Term Expires 2003

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Represented by Town Office Employees

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Van Webb, Chairman

Term Expires 2005

Bruce Burdett

Term Expires 2003

Robert Hill

Term Expires 2004

Emmons Jenkins, Jr.

Term Expires 2004

Robert E. Mastin, Jr.

Term Expires 2003

Andrew Clifford

Term Expires 2004

Aaron Simpson

Term Expires 2002

Roger Whitaker

Term Expires 2004

Timothy Fleuy, Alternate

Term Expires 2002

Lela Emery, Alternate

Term Expires 2005

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Howard G. Sargent

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS

Daniel R. Ruggles, Chief

Term Expires 2004

Duane Abbott

Term Expires 2003

Dana Ramspott

Term Expires 2006

David Williams

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FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Daniel R. Ruggles

Term Expires 2004

FOREST FIRE DEPUTY WARDENS

Duane Abbott

Term Expires 2004

Dana Ramspott

Term Expires 2004

Howard Sargent

Term Expires 2004

Mark Scott

Term Expires 2004

HEALTH OFFICER

John W. Wiggins

Term Expires 2004

Michael Dashner, Deputy

Term Expires 2003

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Frederick C. Gallup

Selectman

Stephen Gray

Highway Engineer

Daniel Ruggles

Fire Chief

David P. Cahill

Police Chief

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Term Expires 2003

Jay Fowler

Term Expires 2003

Eric Daignault

Term Expires 2002

Dean Barton

Term Expires 2002

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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Louis Mario Capozzoli

Resigned

Richard Eaton

Resigned

Mary Ann Barbee

Term Expires 2004

Barbara Hollander

Term Expires 2004

John Mapley

Term Expires 2005

Elaine Rickard

Term Expires 2004

Betty Ried

Term Expires 2003

Sarah Southard

Term Expires 2005

Peter Urbach, Chairperson

Term Expires 2003

NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT

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Representative

John B. Wheeler

Alternate

PLANNING/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Michael Marquise

PLANNING BOARD

Margaret Chalmers, Chairman

Term Expires 2005

Katrina Hill

Term Expires 2004

Bruce Jennings	Term Expires 2004
Kevin Rickard	Term Expires 2003
Derek B. Tatlock	Term Expires 2003
John B. Wheeler, Ex-officio for Selectmen's Alternate	Term Expires 2003
Emma M. Smith, Ex-officio for Selectmen	Term Expires 2003
Sheryl Harten, Alternate	<i>Resigned</i>
Barbara Hollander	Term Expires 2005
Robert Reisberg, Alternate	Term Expires 2005

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Norman Morin

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Debi McGrath, Chairman	Term Expires 2002
Paula Flanders	Term Expires 2004
Candy Saindon	Term Expires 2004
Christine Williams	Term Expires 2002
Stephen Anglin	Term Expires 2003
Patricia Halpin	Term Expires 2005

RIVERWALK COMMITTEE

Joyce Hill	Term Expires 2002
Everett Pollard	Term Expires 2002
Richard H. Webb	Term Expires 2002

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Jenny Dodd	Term Expires 2006
Jessica (Jay) G. Leavitt	<i>Resigned</i>
Devon Smith	Term Expires 2004
Faith W. Reney, appointed	Term Expires 2003

TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE

Robert Armstrong	Term Expires 2003
Barbara Hollander	Term Expires 2003
Stephen McGrath	Term Expires 2003
Denise Preston	Term Expires 2003
Bill Wightman	Term Expires 2003

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

James A. Southard.	Term Expires 2004
Sheila Henry	Term Expires 2005
Norman C. Logan	Term Expires 2003

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE
COUNCIL DIRECTORS

Emma Smith
Stephen W. White
John B. Wheeler

Resigned
Term Expires 2003
Term Expires 2003

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT
SUPERINTENDENT

David R. Brennan

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Aaron Simpson, Chairman	Term Expires 2003
M. Doug Mason, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2004
Christopher Leonard	Term Expires 2003
Stuart H. Caswell	Term Expires 2005
Raymond Hudson	Term Expires 2004
Charles F. Smith	Term Expires 2004
Tracy Nangeroni, appointed	Term Expires 2003

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

William Price, Chairman	Term Expires 2004
Emmons "Skip" Jenkins, Jr.	Term Expires 2005
Robert E. Mastin, Jr.	Term Expires 2003
Margaret Thompson	<i>Resigned</i>
Peter White	Term Expires 2003
William Chalmers, appointed	Term Expires 2003
Charles Hirshberg, Alternate	Term Expires 2004
James P. Lyons, Alternate	Term Expires 2004
Peter Urbach, Alternate	Term Expires 2005
Diana Piotrow, Alternate	Term Expires 2003
Don Weatherson, Alternate	Term Expires 2005



SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR 2002

So long to 2002 Greetings to 2003! Although I do know that when we start the budget process a New Year is upon us. So, let us look back at 2002 and see what went on.

The Board welcomed Stephen White. Steve brings a conservative and fresh outlook to the Board.

2002 also saw the Board continuing with the Portsmouth Coalition to work toward the repeal of the state-wide property tax, which actually went down for us this year, but is forecast to go up significantly next year. We hope that our new Legislature will work diligently to find a solution to this problem.

The county was also on our minds this year, and we think that some of the protest and suggestions that the board has made has made some difference, be it ever so small. We believe that our position has caused the county to look harder at their budget and staff as well as some officials on the state level, and to look at county government as a whole.

Now, to the accomplishments the town saw. The completion of a new highway facility, which is dedicated to former long-time road agent Dexter Collins, gets a lot of the credit for building the foundation that our highways and highway department rest on today. Tony and his staff are very happy with this new facility. The efficiency and versatility of it should serve the town for many years to come.

The Selectmen, Building Committee, the Library, and Safety Service Committees are, at this time, discussing the needs of their departments. You will see warrant articles this year to start the process toward addressing these needs. All parties are looking at these projects open-mindedly, and in such a way as to include the voter and taxpayer as much as possible.

In 2003, the Board will bid a fond farewell to two-term Selectman Bill Chalmers, who has decided to retire. Bill will be greatly missed for all his experience in the corporate world and the real world. Bill, during his tenure as a Selectmen, was instrumental in establishing our pay plan, as well as updates of the employee handbook and benefit package. Serving as the Selectmen's Representative to the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, Bill established good communication and working relationships between the Board and the Association. I would like to thank Bill for the Board and myself for his years of service, his wisdom and his advice, which have been great assets to the Board and the Town.

Respectfully submitted, *Frederick C. Gallup*, Chairman

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

As I reviewed 2002's activities and my 2001 report, it seems more time was spent on direct local items than in 2001. Although the problem with the statewide education property tax certainly continues, and the County tax assessment is still higher than the local municipal rate, we were able to complete the new Dexter O. Collins Memorial Highway facility, start work on the new Tax Maps, and continue the repaving program, among other things.

We continued working with the Portsmouth Coalition to try eliminate the "donor community" property tax payments to the State for statewide education funding – funding that in part goes to communities with much higher average personal incomes – but were not successful. The Town's 2002 tax liability was reduced from \$517,659 in 2001, to \$335,707, but the 2003 liability is \$794,737, unless the legislature changes the formula and funding methods. The Board of Selectmen and I will be watching the actions of the Legislature, and working with Representative Leone and the Coalition to eliminate this unfair method of raising education funds.

Selectman Roach led several meetings with representatives from Grantham, Springfield, and Plainfield, as well as Sunapee, concerning the problems of Sullivan County government, including its management and method of assessing the County tax on its communities. As a result, I worked with the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) urging it to endorse a legislative change to eliminate county government, and have the State pay for and deliver most of the services the Counties now provide. The NHMA Legislative Committee did receive presentations by the NH County Association and others concerning the services provided by Counties, as well as the pros and cons of them being provided by Counties. As a result, a study committee is being formed by NHMA to study the issue more thoroughly. Representative Leone has filed a bill to form a legislative study committee for the same purpose, and to specifically study the inequalities of the present assessment system in Sullivan County as they relate to the services provided to each community. The current County Commissioners appear to be looking much more carefully at the financial part of the County operation, and have hired a County Manager to improve the operations. These actions should lead to lessening the net tax assessment to the Town of Sunapee.

Road related items have been numerous:

The most significant is the construction and occupation of the Dexter O. Collins, Sr. Memorial Highway Facility. The Town Building Committee worked very hard with the Selectmen, the Road Agent, Trumbull-Nelson, and me to design, obtain Town approval and funding, and to construct the wonderful new garage, salt shed, fuel facility, and storage area on Route 11, slightly north of the intersection with Sargent Road. The cover photo and other photos show the

building. The garage has a truck-washing, water-recycling system and provisions for storage of hazardous materials to comply with various environmental requirements. Since the design of the facility, new environmental standards have been put out requiring the aboveground fuel tank to be covered. Funds for such have been included in the operating budget. This is a great facility for our dedicated Highway crew and their equipment, which will meet the needs of the Town for many years to come. The Board of Selectmen has delayed the demolition of the old garage to at least this spring, and perhaps further, depending, in part, on the scheduling of the new Public Safety Building.

A subcommittee of the Planning Board studied the Sunapee Harbor Traffic problems, and made recommendations to the Selectmen for improvements. The Selectmen posted no parking on the west side of Burkehaven Hill Road, from the Harbor to the corner at the top of the hill. The Road Agent plans to put a connector lane between the Ben Mere Parking lots to allow cars with boats on trailers, intending to launch the boats, to use the current driveway next to the Woodbine Cottage and exit onto Burkehaven Hill Road to cue on the east side of Burkehaven Hill Road, before entering the launch ramp area. This will prevent the cars and trailers from standing in the eastbound lanes of Main Street & River Road, limiting traffic to one lane.

The Parking Committee also encouraged the idea of constructing Beech Street from Maple Street to Burkehaven Hill Road – an idea that has been talked about in the past. As a result, the Board of Selectmen has placed Article 18 on the warrant to form a Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, with the intent of producing engineering plans for the project this year. Due to the steepness of the right of way and the slopes on either side, the expectation is that the road would not be open in the winter.

Last year, the Selectmen requested the Road Agent to develop a system to prioritize the need for paving of dirt roads. He did such, and presented it to the Board this fall. Items that are classed are: 1) Volume of traffic, 2) Grade, 3) Curves, 4) Speed of traffic, 5) Access (dead end or through road), 6) Erosion, and 7) Ease of winter operations. Thirty-seven dirt roads, or sections thereof, were classified and a capital reserve program of \$35,000 per year was recommended by the Road Agent, which would have allowed starting to pave the roads in two years, subject to Town Meeting approval for each road. The Selectmen and the BAC reduced the amount to \$25,000. Before a road is recommended for paving, the Board will contact the residents of the road to determine if they want the road paved or left as is. Some residents of Westwood Road have submitted petitioned Article 33 with \$9,000 of the \$14,000 total cost to be paid by residents of the road. The Board is reluctant to establish a precedent and has recommended against this, in part because the members feel that public road improvements should be paid by the taxpayers and not by individuals who are willing to pay for it themselves.

Several actions during the year related to Town Lands:

The final funding for the production of new tax maps was approved last year. Cartographic Associates, Inc. received the contract for the maps, and is almost finished. This is the first time in over 30 years that the maps have been re-done with new technology and research of deeds and surveys. There will be a two-day (including an evening and a Saturday) public review session to enable property owners to view the maps for accuracy. These new maps will provide more accurate data for many purposes, including tax assessment, property lines, road right-of-ways, and infrastructure. Owners of multiple lots that were deeded separately at one time, but have been taxed as one parcel, will have an opportunity to officially merge them together prior to being taxed as individual lots. A detailed explanation will be provided to such owners when the list is complete.

An owner of land on Keyes Road and Ledge Pond proposed a land swap of the Town's 1.2-acre lot at the end of Keyes Road for a possible 20-acre lot abutting a large Town Forest lot that goes from Meadowbrook Road to Ledge Pond. After discussions with the Conservation Commission and walking the land, the Board decided the swap would not be in the Town's best interest.

The State's Fish and Game Department's search for a public boat-launch site on Lake Sunapee continued. Public concern with environmental and traffic problems with the proposed Wild Goose Site in Newbury led to another committee being formed to study the issue. In January 2003, a review of the possible use of Sunapee harbor was made and the results presented to the Selectmen. It would have required moving the Ben Mere Gazebo farther up the hill, the provision of parking between the present parking areas and Main Street, and the enlarging of the boat ramp, which would also require relocation of portions of the Town Dock. The Board turned down the proposal. Members of the Committee and public are urging the use of the State Beach site, including the dredging of the current launch site channel, instead of the Wild Goose site.

Special thanks go to Genelle Richards for the hard work she has coordinated for the repair of the Crowther Chapel and its contents. She obtained contributions of labor, services, and funds to protect the stained glass windows, to clean the inside, and to work on the overgrown landscape.

The Riverwalk path from the Information Booth to the Harbor is closer to completion, with the placement of bridge abutments, by the Highway Crew, over the small brook behind the information booth. Northcape Design is donating the bridge and has placed the steel supports. The bridge should be completed this spring.

On May 1, David Cahill started as our new Police Chief, replacing Chris Domian, who resigned in December to return to the Attorney General's Office. The hiring process was delayed pending the outcome of the Town Meeting votes on the continuation of the Town Manager system (thank you for continuing it) and on the election of the Police Chief (defeated). Special thanks go to Sgt. Daigneault who filled in as acting Chief so ably. Dave is doing a great job as

Police Chief. With the recommendation of the Recreation Committee, I hired Norm Morin in December as the part-time Recreation Director. I look forward to Norm reenergizing the program, and providing the needed recreation opportunities to the community.

On my desk, I have a clipping entitled "Teamwork; Winners vs. Losers," the last two lines of which are:

A winner feels responsible for more than his job,

A loser says, "I only work here."

I want to thank all of the winners who work for the Town as employees, elected officials, committee members, and as volunteers. They put in extra time to make sure the roads are safe, that the books are balanced, that there are coaches for the sports, and that the Town runs smoothly between annual meetings. To those of you who have not made the time to participate, I urge you to do so, to keep the Sunapee community a community where life is good, and where you want to stay.

Respectfully submitted

John B. Wheeler, Town Manager

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Many of our taxpayers are on fixed incomes. The Social Security increase was a mere 1.4% and the Consumer Price Index in rural NH rose 2.4%. The Budget Advisory Committee suggested pay raises of 2.5% and a maximum overall budget (including warrant articles) increase of 3% over last years budget.

The Selectmen and Town Manager have been realistic in providing a 2.5% pay increase (amended to a 3% pay increase at the deliberative session) for town employees and have been prudent with budgeting the various departmental needs. Although the town officials had already reduced the funding of the capital reserve accounts, additional decreases of \$47,000 for these accounts were agreed upon between the BAC and the Town officials.

The BAC recommends adoption of the following town warrant articles: 9 through 22, 24, 26 through 29, and 33.

Article 33, dealing with paving Westwood Road at \$14,000 with \$5,000 from taxes and \$9,000 from residents, received our positive recommendation since this paving will reduce future maintenance costs and prevent dirt road erosion from contaminating the lake.

The BAC does not recommend approval of Article 25 to purchase a new police cruiser. The cruiser would add a fourth vehicle to the department. Since there are only one or two officers on duty at any time and three vehicles, there is already a 'spare' cruiser. The BAC was prepared to recommend trading in the oldest Crown Victoria for a new cruiser in the fall of 2003 but not the addition of another vehicle to the fleet.

The BAC gives a negative recommendation on Article 30 to raise \$15,000 for an engineering study on the source of our drinking water to enable lifting swimming restrictions in Sunapee harbor. On January 24, 2003 Re: Docket No. 01-20 WC, the State of NH Water Council granted a waiver to allow property owners to swim within 100 feet of the shoreline within the no-swim zone of Sunapee Harbor. This article is no longer needed.

Since there are no funding requests associated with the following town warrant articles, the BAC has no recommendation on articles 1 through 8, 23, 31, 32, and 34.

The BAC has had difficulties working with the School Board and the SAU. The budget process was rushed through. We will strive towards a better working relationship next year.

The BAC recommends adoption of the following school warrant articles: 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14.

As a result of last minute compromises reached between the School Board and the BAC, the BAC gives a positive recommendation to the Operating Budget, Article 3. The operating budget was reduced by \$166,104 to the current requested amount of \$7,046,757.

The BAC strongly recommends passage of Article 4 dealing with the Sherburne Gym improvements. The gym has been in need of major renovations for many years. The entire Sunapee community, not just by the schools, utilizes it.

The BAC does not recommend passage of Article 5 dealing with the Sunapee teachers contract. The \$8,000 early retirement incentive for retiring between the ages of 55 and 58 and the \$6,000 early retirement incentive for retiring between the ages of 59 and 62 has been replaced with a plan providing an additional \$10,000 payment upon retirement at any time after age 55 with 15 years of service in Sunapee. There is no longer an incentive for early retirement. The contract does not increase the teacher contributions to health care (currently 10%) until the third contract year, and then only to 12%. In today's economic climate, we consider the salary increases, exclusive of step increases, which range from 3.7% to 13.4% in the first year (this range is due to adjustments in the steps to make the wages competitive with other school districts), 4.17% in the second year, and 2.76% in the third year of the contract, to be excessive.

The BAC does not recommend passage of Article 8 - the replacement of a school bus for \$62,000. This year, the Town is asking for \$376,000 in warrant articles and the School has \$767,000 in warrant articles. The BAC recommends keeping the oldest school bus, used primarily as a spare, until next year.

On Article 13 dealing with the proposed withdrawal from SAU 43, the BAC has no comment on the educational merits of withdrawal. However, there are several financial implications. Because of the state mandated formula for calculating the Sunapee contribution to the funding of SAU 43, we currently pay 47% of the SAU cost. Our share is \$327,976 out of a total budget of \$708,816. Our student population is only 29% of the SAU 43 student population. If we

were paying based on number of students, then our contribution would be \$212,644. Within the next two years Sunapee properties will be reassessed and the valuation of the town will most likely increase. Since the state formula is partly based on this valuation, our percentage share of the SAU cost will also increase. With our own SAU, every dollar spent supporting an SAU will be spent here in Sunapee for the benefit of our staff and children. The Sunapee School Planning Committee's report on the advisability of withdrawal forecasts that a new single district SAU, in its first full year of operation, would cost \$84,000 less than our participation in SAU 43. This amount could change depending upon the proposed SAU organizational structure.

Since there are no funding requests associated with the following school warrant articles, the BAC has no recommendation on articles 1, 2, 13 and 15.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Brown, Chair, Charles Balyeat, Edwin Dodge, John Mapley, David Montambeault - The Budget Advisory Committee

**TOWN OF SUNAPEE TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE, County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium located on Route 11, in said Sunapee, on Wednesday, the 5th day of February, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. for the deliberative portion of the annual Town Meeting, to discuss Articles 2 through 34, and to amend, if deemed appropriate, Articles 9 through 31, 33 and 34, hereinafter set forth. Final voting action on all articles shall take place by ballot on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 2003, at the Sherburne Gymnasium, Route 11, Sunapee. The polls shall be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section 4.10 – Use Regulations – by adding *Warehousing* as a use permitted by right in the *Mixed Use District*?

Planning Board favors adoption of Amendment No. 1

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section 4.10 – Use Regulations – by adding *Schools (Public & Private)* as a use permitted by Special Exception in the *Rural-Residential District*?

Planning Board favors adoption of Amendment No. 2

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section 4.10 – Use Regulations – by adding *High-Tech Research & Development Firms* as a use permitted by Special Exception in the *Rural-Residential District* provided they are part of a Planned Unit Development?

Planning Board favors adoption of Amendment No. 3

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV – Use Regulations and Article XI - Definitions – by deleting the current definition of *Cluster Development* and adding a new section which will outline the Purpose, General Requirements, Review Criteria, and Procedure for all new Cluster Developments?

Planning Board favors adoption of Amendment No. 4

The full text of Article IV, Section 4.50 as proposed will be as follows:

4.50 *Cluster Development Regulations*

(A) Purpose

The purpose of the Cluster Development provisions of this ordinance is to encourage flexibility in design and development of land in order to promote the conservation of open space, historic resources and natural features while allowing for the efficient use of the land. The Cluster Development provisions will allow for a variety of housing types on lots of reduced dimensions. The efficiency of design will help in the conservation of resources, specifically in the building of roads and utilities.

(B) General Requirements

- (1) *Minimum Cluster Area* – The gross land area of a parcel proposed for a Cluster Development must be a minimum of five (5) contiguous acres.**
- (2) *Permitted Uses* – The Cluster Development is strictly residential in nature. Therefore the only permitted uses are those**

residential uses ordinarily permitted in the underlying zoning district (i.e. single-family, two-family, and/or multi-family homes). Accessory residential uses are also allowed by right including but not limited to garages, sheds, barns, tennis courts, and swimming pools.

- (3) **Density** – *The number of dwelling units permitted within a Cluster Development shall not exceed the number allowed in the underlying zoning district.*
- (4) **Permissible Zoning Districts** – *A Cluster Development is permitted in all zoning districts.*
- (5) **Lot Size and Frontage Requirements** – *The Planning Board shall determine the minimum lot size based on factors such as character of the land, type of housing proposed, and adequacy of sewage disposal. In no case shall a cluster lot have less than 15,000 square feet of area or less than 75' of road frontage.*
- (6) **Buffer Strip** – *A buffer strip of 50' shall be maintained between any structure and the perimeter boundary of the overall tract (this includes the Right-of-Way line of any road). This strip shall consist of existing, natural vegetation wherever feasible. The Planning Board shall have the discretion to determine the size and type of any re-vegetation required.*
- (7) **Setbacks** – *No building may be located within 20' of the edge of any road or 10' from the edge of any right-of-way within the development. For Cluster Developments created after the passage of this provision, there shall be no side or rear yard setbacks unless such is part of the buffer strip defined above.*
- (8) **Building Separations** – *No building shall be located closer than 20' to any other building in the Cluster Development. Greater separations may be required by the Planning Board after consultation with the Fire Department regarding adequacy of fire protection at the site.*
- (9) **Lot Coverage** – *Lot coverage calculations shall be based on the entirety of the Cluster Development. The allowable lot coverage for the Cluster Development shall not exceed the limits prescribed in the underlying zoning district.*
- (10) **Open Space Requirements**

- (a) *The total area of the open space shall equal at least half of the total gross land area of the Cluster Development. Open space shall be considered areas exclusive of any lot, any road or utility right-of-way, parking areas and any amenity to the development (i.e. swimming pools, tennis courts, garages, barns, storage, etc...)*
- (b) *There shall be a continuity of open space throughout the development. Where necessary this continuity may be maintained using pedestrian or bicycle paths.*
- (c) *All covenants, deeds, or other agreements regarding the management and perpetuity of the open space shall be reviewed and approved by Town Counsel with the expense paid by the developer.*

(C) Procedure

Subdivision approval by the Planning Board is required for all Cluster Developments. The subdivision application will be processed concurrently with the Cluster Development request. All requirements of the Subdivision Regulations must be met in addition to the provisions in this ordinance.

(D) Review Criteria

The Planning Board shall not approve any Cluster Development unless all of the following criteria are satisfied:

- (1) *Approval of the Cluster Development would result in a more desirable layout than would be possible through a conventional subdivision which strictly conforms with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.*
- (2) *The proposed Cluster Development will harmoniously integrate into the surrounding neighborhood.*
- (3) *The location, size and topography of the open areas make them suitable for use as common areas, recreational purposes, conservation purposes, and/or agricultural purposes.*
- (4) *The proposed Cluster Development plan will keep the property in harmony with the natural environment by concentrating development on those parts of the property which have the least natural limitations to development and by protecting those parts*

of the property which are most environmentally sensitive such as wetlands, flood plains, aquifers, steep slopes, ridge tops, stream banks, and lake shores.

- (5) *The proposed Cluster Development conforms to all the requirements of the Subdivision Regulations and the Zoning Ordinance.*
- (6) *The Cluster Development proposal preserves to the maximum extent feasible the scenic open space on the property, particularly that which is visible from the public road system.*

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV – Use Regulations and Article XI – Definitions - by deleting the current definition of Planned Unit Development, removing PUD (Residential) and PUD (Office Complex) from the *Rural-Residential District* and adding a new section which will outline the Purpose, General Requirements, Review Criteria, and Procedure for all new Planned Unit Developments?

Planning Board favors adoption of Amendment No. 5

The full text of Article IV, Section 4.60 as proposed will be as follows:

4.60 *Planned Unit Development*

(A) Purpose

The purpose of the Planned Unit Development provisions of this ordinance is to encourage flexibility in the uses of land while promoting the conservation of open space and natural features. The Planned Unit Development provisions will allow for a variety of housing types and/or commercial uses on a tract of land without the creation of individual lots. The efficiency of design will help in the conservation of resources, specifically in the building of roads and utilities. The Planned Unit Development will help encourage the mix of uses so typical of small New England villages.

(B) General Requirements

- (1) ***Minimum Parcel Area*** – *The gross land area of a parcel proposed for a Planned Unit Development must be a minimum of two (2) contiguous acres.*

- (2) **Permitted Uses** – All uses allowed in the underlying zoning district will be allowed in the Planned Unit Development. If a use is allowed by Special Exception, it shall be first approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- (3) **Density** – The number of dwelling units permitted within a Planned Unit Development shall not exceed the number allowed in the underlying zoning district.
- (4) **Permissible Zoning Districts** – A Planned Unit Development is permitted in the Village, Mixed-Use, and Rural-Residential zoning districts.
- (5) **Setbacks** – No building may be located within 20' of the edge of any road or 10' from the edge of any right-of-way within the development. Setbacks as prescribed in the underlying zoning district will apply to the boundary of the overall parcel.
- (6) **Building Separations** – No building shall be located closer than 20' to any other building in the Planned Unit Development. Greater separations may be required by the Planning Board after consultation with the Fire Department regarding adequacy of fire protection at the site.
- (7) **Lot Coverage** – The allowable lot coverage for the Planned Unit Development shall not exceed the limits prescribed in the underlying zoning district.
- (8) **Open Space Requirements**
 - (a) The total area of the open space shall equal at least one-quarter (in the Village and Mixed-Use Districts) and one-half (in the Rural-Residential District) of the total gross land area of the Planned Unit Development. Open space shall be considered areas exclusive of any road or utility right-of-way, parking areas and any amenity to the development (i.e. swimming pools, tennis courts, garages, barns, storage, etc...)
 - (b) There shall be a continuity of open space throughout the development. Where necessary this continuity may be maintained using pedestrian or bicycle paths.

- (c) *All covenants, deeds, or other agreements regarding the management and perpetuity of the open space shall be reviewed and approved by Town Counsel with the expense paid by the developer.*

(C) Procedure

Site Plan Review approval by the Planning Board is required for all Planned Unit Developments. The Site Plan Review application will be processed concurrently with the Planned Unit Development request. All requirements of the Site Plan Review Regulations must be met in addition to the provisions in this ordinance.

(D) Review Criteria

The Planning Board shall not approve any Planned Unit Development unless all of the following criteria are satisfied:

- (1) The proposed Planned Unit Development will harmoniously integrate into the surrounding neighborhood.*
- (2) The location, size and topography of the open areas make them suitable for use as common areas, recreational purposes, conservation purposes, and/or agricultural purposes.*
- (3) The proposed Planned Unit Development plan will keep the property in harmony with the natural environment by concentrating development in those parts of the property which have the least natural limitations to development and by protecting those parts of the property which are most environmentally sensitive such as wetlands, flood plains, aquifers, steep slopes, ridge tops, stream banks, and lake shores.*
- (4) The proposed Planned Unit Development conforms to all the requirements of the Site Plan Review Regulations and the Zoning Ordinance.*
- (5) The Planned Unit Development proposal preserves to the maximum extent feasible the scenic open space on the property, particularly that which is visible from the public road system.*

Article 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VIII, Section 8.24 (a) – Certificate Fees – by deleting the current Certificate of Zoning Compliance fee structure and allowing the

Board of Selectmen to set fees in a manner consistent with applicable RSA's?

Planning Board favors the Adoption of Amendment No. 6

The full text of Article VIII, Section 8.24(a) as amended will be as follows:

8.24(a) Fees for all Certificates of Zoning Compliance shall be set by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 8: To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, Committees, and/or other officers heretofore chosen.

Article 9: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles (10-22, 24, 25, 27, 30 and 31)) nor other appropriations voted separately (Articles 26 & 28), the amounts as set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$4,024,017? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,921,634, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town of Sunapee or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 10: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 33 of the 1984 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 11: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$90,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund, as established by Article 29 of the 1989 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 12: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 11 of the 1999 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 13: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 25 of the 2001 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 14: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Police Patrol Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 15: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund as formed by Article 48 of the 1996 Town Meeting and amended by Article 23 of the 2002 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 16: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Milfoil Control Non-Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 16 of the 2002 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 17: Are you in favor of establishing a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for a Public Safety building on the property formerly occupied by the Highway Garage and Fire Station, (Sargent Road and Rt. 11, Map 25, Lots 6 & 6A, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 to be placed in this fund; and to appoint the Town Manager, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, as agent to expend? Note: The Board of Selectmen intends to use approximately \$8,000 of these funds for engineering and plans and to use the Town Building Committee, with representatives from the Fire and Police Departments, to oversee the work.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 18: Are you in favor of establishing a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of studying, designing, engineering, reconstructing, and constructing Beech Street, and related infrastructure, from approximately Maple Street to Burkehaven Hill Road; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be placed in this fund; and to appoint the Town Manager, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, as agent to expend? A portion of the funds is expected be spent in 2003 for the engineering of the project to prepare plans for the future construction.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 19: Are you in favor of establishing a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of paving dirt roads throughout the Town, and of appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund? Note: The actual expenditure of funds to pave each road will be placed before the voters. It is intended that the schedule of paving will be as prepared and amended by the Road Agent and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 20: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$450.00 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund, as established by Article 43 of the 1989 Town Meeting, and as amended by Article 33 of the 1991 Town Meeting, under the provisions of RSA 31:19(a) for the general maintenance and care of burial lots of the Cemeteries, and to authorize the transfer of said sum from the December 31, 2002, General Fund balance?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 21: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$7,500 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund, to be used for the acquisition and improvement of property, easements, and other interests in land within the Town, for the benefit of present and future generations, all in accordance with RSA 36-A?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Advisory Committee, and the Conservation Commission.

Article 22: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating \$2,000,000.00 for the design, construction and furnishing of a new town library and to authorize the use of; a) \$1,842,500 from private donations to be solicited in a capital campaign, b) \$90,000 from existing funds held by the Friends of the Abbott Library, c) \$57,500 from the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1999 for this purpose, and d) \$10,000 from the Library Trustees' Fund currently held by the Town Trustees of Trust Funds? -This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the associated work is completed or December 31, 2008, whichever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 23: On which of the following town-owned parcels do you think the Library should be constructed? (VOTE FOR ONLY ONE; the Library Trustees will select among the three parcels in the order of preference expressed by the voters, but subject to resolution of the stated or other contingencies):

1. The upper portion of the Ben Mere property in the woods above the bandstand in the harbor.

(Note, the use of this site will require transferring the "outdoor recreation" restriction on the proposed building site to a similar piece of property located directly behind the proposed property which would be donated to the town by a private developer subject to certain approvals by the Town Zoning and Planning Boards.)

2. Ball Field site along Route 11 between Lake Sunapee Bank and Fire Station

(Note, the elementary school and the recreation department currently use this site and alternative playing fields will have to be found for these uses. Article 24 addresses the needs of the Recreation Department)

3. Ski Tow Hill across Route 103B from the intersection with High St.

(Note, the use of this site will require a ruling by the Probate Court that a library falls within the definition of "recreation." The size of the Ski Tow Hill parcel is believed to be large enough to accommodate both the Library and recreation facilities if the study of Article 24 concludes that Ski Tow Hill is an appropriate site for recreation facilities but this would have to be confirmed by further analysis."

Article 24: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of determining feasibility, plans and costs to develop recreation facilities at the Ski Tow Hill property on Rt. 103B (map 6, lot 1 and map 4, lot 21E) and the Dewey Woods lot on Seven Hearths Road (map 6, lot 7)? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the associated work is completed or December 31, 2008, whichever occurs first

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 25: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$24,000 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser and authorizing the withdrawal, for that purpose, of up to \$20,000 from Police Patrol Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the cruiser is purchased or December 31, 2004, whichever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 26: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$114,000 to purchase and equip a new truck for the Highway Department, authorizing the sale or trade in of the existing 1993 Ford truck; authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$114,000 from the previously authorized Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund, and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund? (It is expected that the Town will receive \$15,000 for the trade-in.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 27: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$6,500 for the purpose of surveying the Town's Ledge Pond property, said \$6,500 to come from the Town Forest Fund?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Advisory Committee and the Conservation Commission.

Article 28: Are you in favor revising the vote adopted by Article 33 of the 1997 Town Meeting, (which directs that 50% of the Land Use Change Tax received each year is to be placed in the Conservation Fund, subject to an annual limit of \$2500), by removing the annual limit so that 50% of such receipts will be placed in the Conservation Fund, without an annual limit?

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 29: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$90,000 to purchase a backhoe/loader for the Water & Sewer Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$90,000 from existing Water & Sewer Department funds for said purpose? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the equipment is purchased or December 31, 2004, whichever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 30: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of an engineering study to evaluate options for modifications of the Sunapee Water Filtration Plant and/or water sources that would enable lifting the swimming restrictions in Sunapee harbor; said options to include, but not be limited to, moving the water intake, additional treatment, or an alternative water source?

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 31: Are you in favor of authorizing the Selectmen to dispose of municipal assets (e.g.; old vehicles or equipment) as deemed necessary?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 32: Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Sunapee on March 12, 1997, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by State law?

By Petition.

Article 33: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$14,000 for the paving of Westwood Road? The most important purpose of this article is to address the significant siltation of Lake Sunapee in several locations along the current gravel road. \$9,000 of the funds will be provided to the town by property owners on Westwood Road and the remaining \$5,000 of the funds to be raised by taxation? No pavement will be started until receipt by the Town of the share to be provided by property owners.

By Petition.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

Article 34: Are you in favor of the Town adopting a Conflict of Interest Ordinance to be enacted by the Board of Selectmen under RSA 31:39-a? Such ordinance will require that all elected and appointed officials and the managers of all departments of the Town of Sunapee sign this ordinance. The Ordinance will bind them to disclose any financial interest they may have in any Town matters in which they become involved and also to act with the utmost honesty and integrity in all Town dealings. Such Ordinance to be enacted and in force by December 31, 2003.

By petition

Given under our hands and seal this 15 day of January 2003.

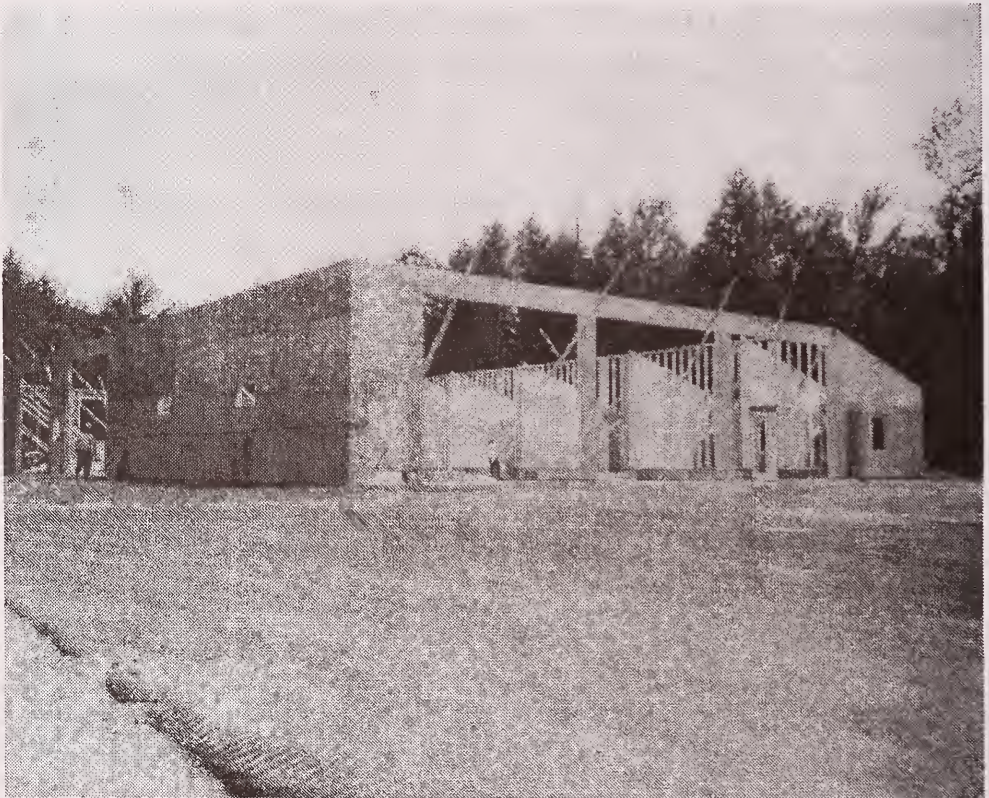
Frederick C. Gallup, Chairman

William H. Chalmers

William Roach

Emma M. Smith

Stephen W. White



New Highway Garage – June 2002

PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Account Description	2000 Spent	2001 Spent	2002 Voted	2002 Spent	2003 Request	% Increase over 02 Bud
EXECUTIVE	119,527	139,639	154,212	126,785	150,557	-2.37%
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR	96,497	101,027	112,060	105,139	116,172	3.67%
ELECTIONS	7,621	5,308	7,100	6,943	6,845	-3.59%
FINANCE	69,085	82,828	94,846	94,295	95,051	0.22%
ASSESS-ASSESSING	5,772	6,330	15,000	5,660	15,000	0.00%
LEGAL-GG-LEGAL SERVICES.	29,674	25,956	22,000	13,156	22,000	0.00%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-OTHER	650	650	700	650	700	0.00%
PLANNING/ZONING	23,169	20,327	31,049	26,235	34,072	9.74%
GENERAL GOV BUILDINGS	20,390	19,490	29,824	19,831	26,410	-11.45%
CEMETERY	7,645	9,854	13,996	11,279	13,727	-1.92%
INSURANCE-PROP,LIAB,VEH.	2,902	2,732	3,500	2,884	3,500	0.00%
INFORMATION BOOTH	9,555	13,519	10,357	7,298	10,492	1.30%
OTHER GENERAL GOV'T	18,789	13,593	34,683	29,281	23,098	-33.40%
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	411,276	441,253	529,327	449,436	517,624	-2.21%
POLICE	282,951	334,736	390,253	367,958	396,694	1.65%
AMBULANCE	9,583	9,824	9,825	9,824	9,825	0.00%
FIRE	82,469	95,798	104,265	102,942	108,902	4.45%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	0	0	200	0	200	0.00%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	375,003	440,358	504,543	480,724	515,621	2.20%
HIGHWAY	678,447	749,099	844,867	838,536	897,418	6.22%
STREET LIGHTS	32,366	30,695	35,000	25,090	31,000	-11.43%
TRANSFER STATION	334,032	408,154	420,989	386,035	461,252	9.56%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,044,845	1,187,948	1,300,856	1,249,661	1,389,670	6.83%
HEALTH	3,588	3,832	4,616	4,095	4,897	6.09%

PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Account Description	2000 Spent	2001 Spent	2002 Voted	2002 Spent	2003 Request	% Increase over 02 Bud
ANIMAL CONTROL	85	340	650	170	650	0.00%
HEALTH- LSVNA & KCOA	8,250	8,333	9,175	9,175	10,019	9.20%
WELFARE	68,610	49,672	77,420	81,597	91,475	18.15%
RECREATION	70,552	74,917	81,416	75,071	84,711	4.05%
LIBRARY	120,067	120,666	135,159	137,934	153,301	13.42%
MEMORIAL DAY SUPPLIES	41	45	200	57	200	0.00%
BAND CONCERTS	4,709	4,634	4,750	4,531	4,750	0.00%
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	612	847	1,850	1,746	2,875	55.41%
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE	276,514	263,286	315,236	314,376	352,878	11.94%
DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL	156,440	155,109	9,459	9,458	9,937	5.05%
DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST	39,514	30,777	23,429	23,428	22,950	-2.04%
TAN INTEREST	0	0	12,000	0	5,000	-58.33%
TOTAL DEBT	195,954	185,886	44,888	32,886	37,887	-15.60%
SUBTOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	2,303,592	2,518,731	2,694,850	2,527,083	2,813,680	4.41%
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS						
WATER	358,965	293,086	375,152	223,835	378,457	0.88%
SEWER	586,898	578,984	571,199	535,849	582,203	1.93%
HYDROELECTRIC	33,592	29,629	63,269	35,248	249,677	294.63%
SUBTOTAL SPEC REV FUNDS	979,455	901,699	1,009,620	794,932	1,210,337	19.88%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	3,283,047	3,420,430	3,704,470	3,322,015	4,024,017	8.63%
SPECIAL & INDIVID. ARTICLES	182,501	269,761	634,654	1,424,535	2,283,500	259.80%

PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Account Description	2000 Spent	2001 Spent	2002 Voted	2002 Spent	2003 Request	% Increase over 02 Bud
EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	1,900	3,350	10,350	17,850	7,950	-23.19%
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	225,000	205,000	189,000	189,000	348,000	84.13%
TOTAL SEPARATE ARTICLES	409,401	478,111	834,004	1,631,385	2,639,450	216.48%
TOTAL BUDGET	3,692,448	3,898,541	4,538,474	4,953,400	6,663,467	46.82%

PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE 2003

<u>Source</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>'03-'02</u>
	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Estimated</u>
Taxes						
Land Use Change Tax	4,000	20,060	4,000	9,200	4,000	0
Yield Taxes	6,000	4,313	4,000	2,362	4,000	(2,000)
Interest & Penalties	70,000	82,813	75,000	85,664	75,000	5,000
Licenses, Permits & Fees						
Vehicle Registrations	450,000	489,782	475,000	567,486	500,000	25,000
Building & Land Permits	4,300	5,536	4,500	6,905	8,000	200
Licenses, Permits & Fees	32,800	29,128	29,000	11,110	20,000	(3,800)
From Federal Government						
FEMA-Hells Corner Drainage		28,080	0	0		0
From State						
Shared Revenue - State	13,414	31,656	13,414	36,746	13,414	0
Highway Block Grant	81,538	87,632	87,000	90,543	96,845	9,845
Sidewalk Grant						0
Water Grant	25,428	6,156	6,156	6,156	6,156	0
Water Pollution Grant	38,561	27,958	0	0	0	0
Other State Grants		6,634		18,671	0	0
NH Rooms & Meals	62,409	79,599	79,599	88,932	88,932	9,333
Police Safety Grants	2,000	14,345	19,245	4,418	6,165	(13,080)

PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE 2003

<u>Source</u>	<u>2001</u> <u>Estimated</u>	<u>2001</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>Estimated</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2003</u> <u>Estimated</u>	<u>'03-'02</u> <u>Estimated</u>
Intergovernmental Revenue						
Springfield for T/S	70,380	70,500	81,568	84,644	79,150	(2,418)
Income from Departments						
General Government Misc.	4,650	10,837	5,000	7,038	5,000	0
Police Special Detail	7,000	15,614	6,000	55,042	6,000	0
Recycling	20,000	15,377	12,500	14,132	14,000	1,500
Water Bond From Users	500					0
Town Dock Rental	5,010	5,010	5,622	5,622	5,116	(506)
Burial Income	2,000	3,400	2,000	2,400	3,000	1,000
Office Rent/Services	3,000		3,000		3,000	0
T/S Ticket Sales	26,100	38,558	30,000	48,175	45,000	15,000
Other Grants		7,896				0
Other Charges						
Sale of Cemetery Lot	2,000	2,850	2,000	450	2,000	0
Sale of Highway Equipment	10,000	4,016	17,000	11,049	15,000	(2,000)
Sale of Cruiser	1,500	4,252	0			0
Sale of Town Property			0			0

PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE 2003

<u>Source</u>	<u>2001</u> <u>Estimated</u>	<u>2001</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>Estimated</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2003</u> <u>Estimated</u>	<u>'03-'02</u> <u>Estimated</u>
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Interest on Investments	65,000	72,259	65,000	47,432	30,000	(35,000)
Rents/Leases Services						
Fines, Witness Fees	1,400	3,459	2,000	2,200	2,000	0
Other Revenues		6,353	2,000			0
Insurance Dividends	10,000	6,364	4,000	7,130	4,000	(2,000)
Enterprise Fund - Sewer	684,474	684,474	621,199	621,199	636,203	15,004
Enterprise Fund - Water	765,989	765,989	375,152	375,152	414,457	39,305
Enterprise Fund - Hydro	346,643	159,629	273,269	535,248	249,677	(23,592)
Capital Reserve Fund	334,500	34,798	52,500	207,104	180,500	128,000
Trust & Agency Funds	5,350	1,855	2,850	16,004	1,958,450	1,955,600
Long Term Bonds & Notes	1,510,341	0	0	358,000	0	0
Surplus to Offset Tax Rate	300,000	300,000	455,155	442,000	300,000	(155,155)
Federal Grant	782,300	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,748,587	3,127,182	2,814,729	3,768,214	4,775,065	1,960,336

**TOWN OF SUNAPEE
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS
REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2002**

The Trustees manage a total of 32 separate trust funds, with combined assets approximating \$945,000. The trusts serve a variety of interests and sponsors, including capital funds for the Town of Sunapee, eleemosynary trust serving various charitable and civic programs, school scholarship programs, as well as funds to support the Town Library and cemeteries.

It is the policy of the Trustees that all funds shall be invested and maintained in a professional manner that strictly adheres to the principles of:

- Safety – preserving the value of principle through conservative investments that minimize the impact of negative market influences, and through a system that guards against loss due to error or fraud.
- Liquidity – the ability to convert investment assets into cash, when and as needed, without incurring financial penalty.
- Investment Return – obtaining the highest investment return possible, consistent with due concern for safety and liquidity.
- Convenience – maintaining a system of operational controls that facilitates the investment and reporting processes, while optimizing the associated administrative and cost burdens.

To assure maximum conformance to this policy, all funds are invested in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (PDIP), which was established and is operated by the State of New Hampshire Banking Commissioner. The Custodian of all funds is Fleet Banks, the Program Administrator is the Municipal Investors Services Corporation (MBIA) of Armonk, NY, and the independent auditor is Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman C. Logan (Chair), James A Southard, Sheila Henry

REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS - YEAR 2002
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NON EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Year Created	Trust Name	Beginning Principal	Principal Added	Ending Principal	Beginning Interest	Interest Income	Interest Expended	Interest Balance	Fund Balance
Various	Cemetery								
	Common#1	22,821.29	0.00	22,821.29	23,650.37	696.07	0.00	24,346.44	47,167.73
Various	Student Awards								
	Common #2	43,845.59	0.00	43,845.59	2,096.12	678.16	1,358.74	1,415.54	45,261.13
1983	Bartlett Speaking	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	2,705.78	249.38	2,156.00	799.16	15,799.16
1983	Bartlett Park	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	1,780.43	251.21	0.00	2,031.64	17,031.64
1970	Library General	8,449.28	0.00	8,449.28	331.67	127.42	331.67	127.42	8,576.70
1972	Library Gardner	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	98.17	37.73	98.17	37.73	2,537.73
1969	Firemen's								
	Knowlton	500.00	0.00	500.00	14,566.46	225.57	0.00	14,792.03	15,292.03
1969	Firemen's								
	Robinson	1,983.52	0.00	1,983.52	3,659.90	84.56	0.00	3,744.46	5,727.98
1987	Fireman's								
	Warren & Quaw	500.00	0.00	500.00	662.64	17.87	0.00	680.51	1,180.51
1966	Parks-Coffin	6,250.14	0.00	6,250.14	2,217.82	126.85	0.00	2,344.67	8,594.81
1958	Visiting Nurses	1,849.28	0.00	1,849.28	311.52	32.42	0.00	343.94	2,193.22
1987	Historical Society	17,050.00	200.00	17,250.00	13,689.02	463.15	0.00	14,152.17	31,402.17
1990	Crowther Chapel	5,775.26	0.00	5,775.26	3,580.65	140.02	0.00	3,720.67	9,495.93
Total Non Expendable Funds		141,524.36	200.00	141,724.36	69,350.55	3,130.41	3,944.58	68,536.38	210,260.74

REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS - YEAR 2002
Through December 31, 2002

NON EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending	
							Balance	
1989	Cemetery	27,648.50	0.00	414.05	28,062.55	0.00	28,062.55	
1995	Insurance Deductable	6,559.06	0.00	98.26	6,657.32	0.00	6,657.32	
1996	Parks - Memorial Grdns	2,993.26	305.00	46.58	3,344.84	0.00	3,344.84	
1977	Parks - Dewey Woods	1,642.56	0.00	24.59	1,667.15	0.00	1,667.15	
1999	Abbott Library Trustees	24,181.94	2,300.00	359.40	26,841.34	9,030.00	17,811.34	
2000	Special Education Fund	51,925.38	0.00	777.69	52,703.07	0.00	52,703.07	
1988	Charles Flint Scholarship	581.30	0.00	6.93	588.23	200.00	388.23	
1999	Journalism Award	499.44	0.00	7.25	506.69	0.00	506.69	
1996	Molloy Scholarship	4,749.99	0.00	64.06	4,814.05	1,000.00	3,814.05	
1995	Burrill Scholarship	4,297.87	0.00	60.86	4,358.73	500.00	3,858.73	
Total Expendable Funds		125,079.30	2,605.00	1,859.67	129,543.97	10,730.00	118,813.97	

CAPITAL RESERVE TRUST FUNDS

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Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending	
							Balance	
1984	Fire Department	210,972.65	0.00	3,159.64	214,132.29	0.00	214,132.29	
1989	Highway Department	114,327.90	0.00	1,712.15	116,040.05	0.00	116,040.05	
1993	Tax Maps	67,810.38	0.00	1,015.69	68,826.07	0.00	68,826.07	
1997	Revaluation	28,562.16	0.00	427.83	28,989.99	0.00	28,989.99	
1997	Avery Road Garage	142,288.43	0.00	1,083.87	143,372.30	143,372.30	0.00	
1997	Used Highway Equipment	20,116.91	0.00	301.24	20,418.15	0.00	20,418.15	
1989	School Bus	1,239.94	0.00	18.41	1,258.35	0.00	1,258.35	
1992	School Buildings	83,215.54	0.00	1,246.32	84,461.86	0.00	84,461.86	
1999	New Library Bldg Fund	31,442.92	0.00	470.84	31,913.76	0.00	31,913.76	
2001	Town Road Bridges	50,011.00	0.00	749.07	50,760.07	0.00	50,760.07	

Total Capital Reserve Funds

749,987.83	0.00	10,185.06	760,172.89	143,372.30	616,800.59
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Total of all Funds

945,875.30

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sunapee as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform to principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Sunapee has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Sunapee as of December 31, 2001, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sunapee taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Sunapee. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Respectfully submitted

Plodzick & Sanderson, Professional Associates

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 2001

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Total (Memo Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	
Assets						
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 2,608,184	\$ 852,236	\$	\$ 3,412	\$	\$ 3,463,832
Investments	105,083	1,440,904		1,085,942		2,631,929
Receivables (Net of Allowance For Uncollectible)						
Taxes	1,329,687					1,329,687
Accounts		67,922				67,922
Special Assessments-Noncurrent		168,071				168,071
Intergovernmental	16,808	93,509				110,317
Interfund Receivable	295,280	13,093	290,000	3,276,282		3,874,655
Prepaid Items		71,907				71,907
Other Debits						
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt					2,730,549	2,730,549
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$4,355,042</u>	<u>\$2,707,642</u>	<u>\$ 290,000</u>	<u>\$4,365,636</u>	<u>\$ 2,730,549</u>	<u>\$14,448,869</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY						
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$	\$ 31,373	\$	\$	\$	\$ 31,373
Intergovernmental Payable				3,456,010		3,456,010
Interfund Payable	3,284,686	383,696	51,168	155,105		3,874,655
Escrow and Performance Deposits				3,412		3,412
Deferred Revenue		165,696				165,696
General Obligation Debt Payable					2,379,549	2,379,549
Accrued Landfill						
Postclosure Care					351,000	351,000
Total Liabilities	<u>3,284,686</u>	<u>580,765</u>	<u>51,168</u>	<u>3,614,527</u>	<u>2,730,549</u>	<u>10,261,695</u>
Equity						
Fund Balances						
Reserved For Encumbrances	174,947	207,439				382,386
Reserved For Endowments				122,839		122,839
Reserved For Special Purposes				628,270		628,270
Unreserved						
Designated For Special Purposes		1,919,438	238,832			2,158,270
Undesignated	895,409					895,409
Total Equity	<u>1,070,356</u>	<u>2,126,877</u>	<u>238,832</u>	<u>751,109</u>		<u>4,187,174</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 4,355,042</u>	<u>\$2,707,642</u>	<u>\$290,000</u>	<u>\$4,365,636</u>	<u>\$ 2,730,549</u>	<u>\$ 14,448,869</u>

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Total (Memo Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Expendable Trust	
REVENUES					
Taxes	\$ 1,648,050	\$ 2,500	\$	\$	\$ 1,650,550
Licenses and Permits	572,280				572,820
Intergovernmental	291,009	41,389			332,398
Charges for Services	105,526	1,038,034			1,143,560
Miscellaneous	147,075	189,760		27,685	364,520
Other Financing Sources					
Operating Transfers In	225,907	130,888	290,000	205,000	851,795
Total Revenues and					
Other Financing Sources	<u>\$2,990,387</u>	<u>\$1,402,571</u>	<u>\$290,000</u>	<u>\$232,685</u>	<u>\$4,915,643</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
General Government	437,730	34,678			472,408
Public Safety	449,581				449,581
Highway and Streets	799,572				799,572
Sanitation	355,610	483,285			838,895
Water Distribution and Treatment		180,134			180,134
Health	12,504				12,504
Welfare	49,674				49,674
Culture and Recreation	79,853	130,879		210,732	
Conservation	847				847
Debt Service	185,886	310,139			496,025
Capital Outlay	148,084	128,759	51,168		328,011
Other Financing Uses					
Operating Transfers Out	335,389	301,601		210,560	847,550
Total Expenditures					
And Other Financing Uses	<u>2,854,730</u>	<u>1,569,475</u>	<u>51,168</u>	<u>210,560</u>	<u>4,685,933</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues					
And Other Financing Sources					
Over (Under) Expenditures					
And Other Financing Uses	135,657	(166,904)	238,832	22,125	229,710
Fund Balances – January 1	934,699	2,293,781		551,328	3,779,808
Fund Balances – December 31	<u>\$1,070,356</u>	<u>\$2,126,877</u>	<u>\$238,832</u>	<u>\$ 578,453</u>	<u>\$ 4,009,518</u>

BALANCE SHEET – UNAUDITED

Assets as of 12/31/02

CASH ON HAND

General Fund	\$3,031,735.15
Hydro Electric Fund	384,542.00
Water Dept. Funds	571,523.49
Sewer Dept. Funds	898,494.44
Misc. Other Funds	138,961.38

Funds in Custody of Treasurer:	\$5,025,256.46
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Due from School	5,565.56
Due from Hydro Fund- Operating Expenses	25,678.04
Due from Special Recreation Fund	11,601.40
Due from Trustees of the Trust Funds	208,773.23
Misc. Accounts Receivable	3,937.80

TOTAL:	255,556.03
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TAXES UNCOLLECTED:

Levy of 2002	676,647.63
Levy of 2001	98,856.10
Levy of 2000	55,320.70
Levy of 1999	4,512.04

TOTAL:	835,336.47
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TOTAL AR/UNCOLLECTED	\$ 1,090,892.50
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TOTAL ASSETS/GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 6,116,148.96
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Overpayment of Taxes	\$ 11,042.77
Unexpended Balances:	
2002 Budget – Town Hall Carpet	5,000.00
2002 Budget – Police Improvements	2,800.00
2002 Budget – Information Booth Improvements	2,000.00
2002 Article 17 Sullivan County	20,000.00
2000 Article 7 State Education Funding	17,084.60

Due to Other Funds:	
Friends of Town Hall	567.34
Bartlett Tyler Fund	40,211.47
Sunapee Center Associates	442.33
Bandstand Account	2,944.50
Conservation Commission	40,422.36
Dewey Woods Commission	3,854.62
Harbor Ridge Property Invest. Pool	3,019.99
Special Recreation Account	34,070.89
Coffin Memorial Park	251.28
Special Fund – Pistol Permits	2,022.60
Hydro Account	384,542.00
Water Department Fund	572,523.49
Sewer Department Fund	898,494.44
Due to School	3,197,622.00

FUND BALANCE (Assets vs. Liabilities):	\$ 877,232.28
Fund Balance December 31, 2001	\$ 925,262.86
Fund Balance December 31, 2002	\$ 877,232.28

Change in Financial Condition: \$ (48,030.58)

TREASURERS REPORT

Ending Balance December 31, 2001		4,743,832.05
	Receipts	Expenditures
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	11,871,015.41	
Selectmen	2,339,320.46	13,632,127.75
Interest(General Fund)	47,432.29	
Miscellaneous Collection	25,379.00	9,673.92
2000 State Education	42.64	3,697.24
Hydro Account	122,566.07	538,945.72
Friends of the Town Hall	8.65	
Bartlett-Tyler Fund	1,618.71	
Sunapee Center Association	4.61	
Bandstand Account	119.22	
Conservation Commission	17,957.24	
Town Forest Fund	11,154.00	835.00
Dewey Woods Commission	55.35	
Harbor Ridge Property Account	46.07	
Special Recreation Account	14,038.47	12,186.59
Coffin Memorial Park	2.62	
Special Account - pistol permits	239.69	904.69
Sewer Department General Fund	680,431.76	619,366.98
Sewer Department Adjust 2001 Transfer		27,000.00
Sewer Department Replacement Fund	29,835.67	17,345.46
Sewer Department Capital Improve. Fund	49,300.24	
Sewer Department Garnet Hill Rd Project	55,080.43	53,967.83
Water Department General Fund	533,874.68	545,396.51
Water Department Capital Improve Fund	7,109.23	
Water Department Replacement Acct.	10,750.61	
Water Department DWSRF Repayment Acct	2,219.51	66,288.47
Water Department 1997 Treatment Bond	82,873.62	93,315.68
Balance on Hand December 31, 2002		5,025,256.46

FUNDS ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2002

LSB	Money Market	2,735,404.22
LSB	Checking	193,383.51
NH	Public Deposit Investment Pool	102,947.42
SRSB	Hydro Account	203,672.16
PDIP	Hydro Account	180,869.84
SRSB	Friends of the Town Hall	567.34
SRSB	Bartlett-Taylor Fund	40,211.47
LSB	Sunapee Center Association	442.33
SRSB	Bandstand Account	2,944.50
LSB	Conservation Commission	40,422.36
SRSB	Dewey Woods Commission	3,854.62
SRSB	Town Forest Fund	11,154.00
SRSB	Harbor Ridge Property Invest-Pool	3,019.99
SRSB	Special Recreation Fund	34,070.89
LSB	Coffin Memorial Park	251.28
SRSB	Special Fund - Pistol Permits	2,022.60
LSB	Sewer Dept. Checking Account	2,552.72
LSB	Sewer Dept. Surplus Account	163,445.82
LSB	Sewer Dept. Replacement Fund	165,085.03
SRSB	Sewer Dept. Capital Improve. Fund	64,505.69
PDIP	Sewer Dept. Capital Improve. Fund	461,079.61
SRSB	Sewer Dept. Garnet Hill Rd Project	41,825.57
LSB	Water Dept. Checking Account	12,010.10
LSB	Water Dept. Surplus Account	83,577.14
PDIP	Water Dept. General Fund	231,437.32
SRSB	Water Dept. Capital Improve. Fund	77,746.84
LSB	Water Dept. Replacement Account	47,741.48
SRSB	Water Dept. DWSRF Replacement Acct	85,087.59
PDIP	Water Dept. 1997 Treatment Bond	33,923.02
Balance on Hand December 31, 2001		5,025,256.46

SHOWING ANNUAL MATURATES OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM NOTES AND BONDS

<u>GENERAL OBLIGATION</u>	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>MATURITY</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING</u>
<u>Debt Payable</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>RATE %</u>	<u>DECEMBER 31, 2001</u>
State Revolving Fund	\$ 469,777	1996	2005	3.0	\$ 202,513
Water Filtration Bond	783,400	1997	2027	5.0	731,386
Water Filtration Bond	1,300,000	1997	2027	5.0	1,213,687
Well System	303,313	2000	2005	1.4	<u>231,963</u>
Subtotal:					<u>2,379,549</u>
Accrued Landfill Closure Care Costs:					<u>351,000</u>
TOTAL:					<u>\$ 2,730,549</u>

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 2001, including interest payments, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2002	\$ 155,769	\$ 105,943	\$ 261,712
2003	154,562	101,532	256,094
2004	151,263	97,049	248,312
2005	141,421	92,528	233,949
2006	47,600	88,238	135,838
2007-2027	<u>1,728,934</u>	<u>1,055,791</u>	<u>2,784,725</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$ 2,379,549</u>	<u>\$ 1,541,081</u>	<u>\$ 3,920,630</u>

All debt is general obligation debt of the Town, which is backed by its full faith and credit. All debt will be repaid from general government revenues.

Per Town Meeting Vote of 2001 – Article 15, the un-issued amount for the Highway Garage was \$358,000.



July 1, 2002 – Putting up the trusses



*September 18, 2002 – Interior of Building
Sheetrock and double ceiling going up*

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Our office continues to make strides to provide more efficient and valuable services to you.

In the area of Motor Vehicles: The on-line system to the State of New Hampshire is continuously improving. We are now able to offer the 7-digit vanity plates on regular passenger plates. Many of you have requested this change, and we are pleased to let you know they are now available. I have had the opportunity to work on a project known as Municipal Agent Automated Project, better known as MAAP. This program will enable our municipal software to integrate with the new state program. It has been a very rewarding experience, and I have had the benefit of helping to develop this new program that will be advantageous to both the Town of Sunapee and the State of New Hampshire. We want to take this opportunity to thank the Division of Motor Vehicles for all the assistance they provide us throughout the year.

In the year 2002 we entered into an agreement with the Department of Safety to process boat registrations. This is very beneficial to the Town of Sunapee as we keep a portion of the fee on all renewals, transfers, and new registrations. If you process your registration at the state level, they retain the entire amount.

Another forward step our office made this year to improve service to our residents and surrounding areas is the ability to process birth, marriage, and death certificates on-line with the Bureau of Vital Statistics. This was offered to us because we were able to use the same lines that service our on-line motor vehicle program. Again, this is very beneficial for our town because we can process certified copies of birth, marriage, and death certificates not only for events that occur in Sunapee, but events in any city or town in the State of New Hampshire.

The dog-licensing program continues to run smoothly. It is required that NH Veterinarians notify the Town Clerk where the owner resides within 40 days of the rabies vaccination. The Town Clerk then notifies you if your dog has not been licensed. In accordance with RSA 466:1, **all dogs 4 months or older are required to be licensed prior to April 30th of each year.** Dogs not licensed prior to June 1st will be subject to a \$25 fine.

The Office of Town Clerk & Tax Collector looks forward to serving you in 2003. Please call us or drop by our office with any suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty H. Ramspott
Town Clerk & Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTORS ACTIVITY

January 1 - January 31, 2002

Town Clerk:

Remittances made to Treasurer - 2002:

Auto Registrations: \$ 553,274.83

Boat Registrations: \$ 3,628.19

Dog Licenses:

Town of Sunapee \$ 2,195.00

State of NH \$ 271.00

Dept. of Agriculture \$ 972.00

Vital Statistics \$ 1,645.00

Clerk Fees:

Auto Registrations \$ 14,210.90

UCC Filings \$ 1,291.00

Wetland's Applications \$ 286.00

Vital Statistics \$ 488.00

Registration Refunds \$ 333.84

Return Check Fees \$ 25.00

Total Remittances: \$ **578,620.76**

Tax Collector:

LEVY OF 2002

Taxes Committed to Collector - 2002:

Property Taxes \$ 10,363,932.00

Change In Use \$ 4,400.00

Utilities \$ 109,430.00

Yield Taxes \$ 2,821.30

Interest Collected on:

Property Taxes \$ 8,388.05

Overpayments

Property Taxes \$ 11,042.77

TOTAL DEBITS \$ **10,500,014.12**

Remittances made to Treasurer - 2002:

Property Taxes \$ 9,687,323.86

Change In Use \$ 4,400.00

Utilities \$ 109,430.00

Yield Taxes \$ 2,362.12

Interest on Property Taxes \$ 8,388.05

Abatements:

Property Taxes \$ 7,107.00

	Yield Taxes	\$ 170.75	
Uncollected -12/31/02			
	Property Taxes	\$ 676,359.20	
	Yield Taxes	\$ 288.43	
Prepayments		\$ 4,184.71	
TOTAL CREDITS			\$ 10,500,014.12
	LEVY OF 2001		
Uncollected - 12/31/01			
	Property Taxes	\$ 1,165,975.50	
	Change In Use	\$ 4,800.00	
Added Taxes			
	Water, Sewer, Bond	\$ 45,221.55	
Interest on Property Taxes		\$ 35,605.24	
Interest on Change In Use		\$ 384.89	
TOTAL DEBITS			\$ 1,251,987.18
Remittances made to Treasurer - 2002:			
	Property Taxes	\$ 1,175,595.78	
	Change In Use	\$ 4,800.00	
	Water, Sewer, Bond- W&S	\$ 18,501.29	
	Water, Sewer, Bond-Lien	\$ 16,270.49	
	Interest on Property Taxes	\$ 35,605.24	
	Interest on Change In Use	\$ 384.89	
Abatements:			
	Property Tax	\$ 829.49	
TOTAL CREDITS			\$ 1,251,987.18
	SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS		
	2001 TAX LEVY		
Taxes Sold to Town - 2002		\$ 169,501.36	
Interest & Costs		\$ 5,193.32	
TOTAL DEBITS			\$ 174,694.68
Remittances Made to Treasurer - 2002			
	Redemptions	\$ 70,645.26	
	Interest & Costs	\$ 5,193.32	
Uncollected - 12/31/02		\$ 98,856.10	
TOTAL CREDITS			\$ 174,694.68
	2000 TAX LEVY		
Uncollected - 12/31/01		\$ 128,448.76	
Interest & Costs		\$ 13,516.51	
TOTAL DEBITS			\$ 141,965.27
Remittances Made to Treasurer - 2002			

	Redemptions	\$ 73,128.06	
	Interest & Costs	\$ 13,516.51	
Uncollected - 12/31/02		\$ 55,320.70	
TOTAL CREDITS			\$ 141,965.27
	1999 TAX LEVY		
Uncollected - 12/31/01		\$ 58,770.88	
Interest & Costs		\$ 19,880.81	
TOTAL DEBITS			\$ 78,651.69
Remittances Made to Treasurer - 2002			
	Redemptions	\$ 54,258.84	
	Interest & Costs	\$ 19,880.81	
Uncollected - 12/31/02		\$ 4,512.04	
TOTAL CREDITS			\$ 78,651.69
	SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS-CONT'D		
	1998 TAX LEVY		
Uncollected - 12/31/01		\$ 4,534.64	
Interest & Costs		\$ 1,465.36	
TOTAL DEBITS			\$ 6,000.00
Remittances Made to Treasurer - 2002			
	Redemptions	\$ 4,534.64	
	Interest & Costs	\$ 1,465.36	
TOTAL CREDITS			\$ 6,000.00
	1997 TAX LEVY		
Uncollected - 12/31/01		\$ 2,156.55	
Interest & Costs		\$ 1,204.64	
TOTAL DEBITS			\$ 3,361.19
Remittances Made to Treasurer - 2002			
	Redemptions	\$ 2,156.55	
	Interest & Costs	\$ 1,204.64	
TOTAL CREDITS			\$ 3,361.19

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2002

Article 1:	Officers elected on non-partisan	ballot 03-12-02
Article 2:	Ballot vote. Reports Heard.	
Article 3:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 4:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 5:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 6:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 7:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 8:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 9:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 10:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 11:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 12:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 13:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 14:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 15:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 16:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 17:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 18:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 19:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 20:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 21:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 22:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 23:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 24:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 25:	Ballot vote. Failed.	
Article 26:	Ballot vote. Passed.	
Article 27:	Ballot vote. Failed.	

2002 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

TOWN PORTION

Appropriations	\$ 4,538,474	
Less: Revenues	\$ 2,911,706	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ 13,156	
Add: Overlay	\$ 82,934	
Add: War Service Credits	\$ 23,500	
Net Town Appropriation		\$1,720,676
Town Tax Rate		\$4.00

SCHOOL PORTION

Due to Local School	\$ 6,297,621	
Less: State Education taxes	\$ 2,378,778	
Net School Appropriation		\$3,918,843
School Tax Rate		\$9.12

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (without Utilities) x 5.80	\$2,714,485	
Less: Remitted to State	\$ -335,707	
Net State Education Taxes to School	\$2,378,778	
Local Valuation (without utilities)	\$423,877,016	
State School Rate		\$6.40

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	\$ 2,149,737	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ -5,086	
Net County Appropriation	\$2,144,651	
County Tax Rate		\$4.99
Total Tax Rate:		<u>\$24.51</u>

Total Property Taxes Assessed:	\$10,498,655	
Less: War Service Credits	\$ -23,500	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$10,475,155	

2003 ESTIMATED TOWN PORTION OF TAX RATE

(Assuming passage of recommended Articles)

Appropriations	\$ 6,634,467	
Less: Revenues	\$-4,766,065	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ -13,156	
Add: Overlay	\$ 80,000	
Add: War Service Credits	\$ 23,500	
Net Town Appropriation		\$ 1,958,746
Estimated Town Tax Rate		\$4.54

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

2002

Value of Land Only:

Current Use	\$ 624,513
Residential	\$ 220,942,000
Commercial/Industrial	\$ <u>5,923,603</u>

Total Taxable Land: \$ 227,490,116

Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	\$ 186,339,800
Manufactured Housing	\$ 1,298,500
Commercial/Industrial	\$ <u>10,004,000</u>

Total Taxable Buildings: \$ 197,642,300

Public Utilities: \$ 6,042,500

Valuation Before Exemptions: \$ 431,176,916

Exemptions:

Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities	\$ 36,300
Blind Exemptions	\$ 45,000
Elderly Exemptions	\$ <u>1,174,100</u>

Total Amount of Exemptions: \$ 1,255,400

Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate for Municipal,
County and Local Education is computed: \$ 429,919,516

Net Valuation without utilities on which Tax Rate for
State Education Tax is computed: \$ 423,877,016

EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS

ELDERLY EXEMPTION:

There is an exemption for those property owners who meet the following qualifications:

1. You must be at least 65 years of age on or before April 1st.
2. Your income cannot exceed \$13,400, if you are single, or \$20,400 if you are married. This includes Social Security and other pensions, interest, and dividends, as well as any other earnings.
3. Your net assets may not exceed \$50,000. This excludes the value of your residence.

If you are 65-74 years of age and qualify, \$20,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

If you are 75-79 years of age and qualify, \$30,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

If you are 80 years of age or older and qualify, \$40,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

VETERAN'S CREDIT

There is a credit for eligible Veterans and/or Widows of Veterans. The credit is \$100 and is deducted after your taxes have been calculated and prior to mailing your second half tax bill.

BLIND EXEMPTION

If you are legally blind as determined by the Blind Services Department of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Education Department you may be eligible for this exemption. For this exemption, \$15,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

Further information, and applications for these exemptions may be obtained from the Selectmen's Office, by calling (603) 763-2212, or you may e-mail us at karen@town.sunapee.nh.us

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY
As of December 31, 2002

Map/Lot	Property	Assessed Value	Insured Value		Vehicle
			Building	Contents	
26/12	Town Hall, Building	239,000	220,000	50,000	
26/19	Coffin Park Land	19,300			
26/25	Library, Land & Building	185,700	250,000	600,000	
26/92	Police Department, Land & Buildings	148,600	400,000	60,000	77,767
	<u>Fire Department Land & Buildings</u>				
14/69A	Georges Mills Fire Station	59,800	67,740	20,000	
25/6	Sunapee Fire Station (building only)	99,900	154,410	82,000	726,800
25/6	Highway Department, buildings	46,600			
6/4-1	Highway Department, buildings (new)	725,000	123,165	40,000	691,000
25/6&6A	Highway, Land (Garage, Fire Station, & Ballfield)	100,600			
7/47&49	Transfer/Recycling Facility	121,800	70,000	30,000	150,000
	<u>Parks, Commons & Playgrounds:</u>				
6/1	Ski Tow	35,500			
6/9	Dewey Woods (incl.: 6/6,6/7, & 23/7)	206,800			
6/47	Bartlett-Tyler Lot	94,700			
14/40	Georges Mills Dock & Beach	351,900	20,000		
26/21	38 Main Street	14,800			
23/9	Dewey Beach (incl.: Pump Station 23/6A)	323,200	96,600	1,150	
26/57	Town Docks - Sunapee Harbor	364,200	55,000	10,000	

Map/Lot	Property	Assessed Value	Insured Value		
			Building	Contents	Equip. Vehicle
26/65	Ben Mere Park/Bandstand	47,600	35,000		
30/36	R.O.W. Burkehaven Lane	41,800			
14/59	R.O.W. Jobs Creek Road	73,000			
14/62	R.O.W. Jobs Creek Road	76,200			
	<u>Water Supply Facilities:</u>				
26/62A	R.O.W. to Reservoir	2,400			
26/90A	Pump Station - River Road	51,000	54,340	57,000	
10/7-4	Municipal Water Supply Land	89,000	280,183	201,183	
10/26-1	Tank Site	239,600	84,600	4,300	
4/24-H	Harbor Hill Road (land & buildings)	1,863,400	1,546,074	121,512	22,000
	<u>Sewer Plant & Facilities:</u>				
5/22	Treatment Plant	2,844,200	573,965	148,575	141,254 55,200
Various	Land & Pump Stations	150,400	1,026,078		
26/11	<u>Hydroelectric Plant</u>	1,314,200	131,250	400,000	
Various	Dams (Otter Pond, Ledge Pond, Hydro, Reflection Pool)		190,000		
	<u>Schools, Land & Buildings</u>				
7/55	Middle/High School	2,238,500			
22/28	Playground	72,300			
22/29	Sorento Property	92,000			
22/42	Land off Lower Main Street	200			
25/4&4A	Elementary School, House, Gym	1,822,500			

Map/Lot	Property	Assessed			Insured Value	
		Value	Building	Contents	Equip.	Vehicle
<u>Land & Buildings Acquired thru Tax Lien</u>						
3/1-14&15	Penacock Path	25,800				
7/45-2	Land off Sargent Road	4,100				
7/45-5	Land off Sargent Road	21,200				
17/2	Fernwood Point Road	17,400				
19/28	North Shore Road	18700				
<u>Cemeteries</u>						
	Land (incl.: 9/15, 9/34, 14/42B, 22/16)	29,500				12,000
<u>All Other Town Owned Property & Equipment</u>						
	Ledge Pond (incl.: 10/15,10/20-A,11/15,11/16,11/21)	883,700				
	Parking Lots (incl.: 26/20,26/22,26/53-1)	82,000				
8/6	Webb-Flint Lot	26,200				
23/1&2	Land on Route 11	43,000				
10/44	Spaulding Property - Otter Pond	23,100				
26/10	Information Booth	75,200				
30/9	Birch Point Road	96,300				
5/56-2	Crowther Chapel	16,900	30,000	105,000		
4/21-E	Stagecoach Lane - Backland	8,200				
5/27-A	Off Route 11 - Near Treatment Plant Rd.	20,000				
8/39	Jobs Creek Road - Wooded Lot	22,100				
TOTALS		15,569,100	5,408,405	1,930,720	645,854	1,734,767



From Start.....



To Finish!!

Abbott Library Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31, 2002

	<u>2001</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>Actual</u>
OPENING BALANCE	\$3,399		\$1,277
RECEIPTS			
Copier Receipts	753		538
Fax Receipts	211		173
Interest Received	23		14
Non Res. Members	105		120
Trust & Fines A/c	4,000		1,000
Friends	546		0
Friends for Magazine Covers	0		789
Friends for New Library Studies	0		2,571
Library Trust Fund	843		13,171
Town Allotment	121,528		141,120
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$128,009</u>		<u>\$159,496</u>
PAYMENTS			
Full Time Wages	28,091	51,923	48,179
Part Time Wages	29,396	18,162	20,186
Employee Benefits	<u>13,149</u>	<u>23,714</u>	<u>20,682</u>
Total Employee costs	70,636	93,799	89,047
Telephone	1,700	2,000	1,357
Alarm System	292	264	264
Internet	4,400	3,950	600
Computer costs	1,170	1,700	2,367
Xerox Lease	839	1,000	969
Electricity	2,281	2,710	2,107
Heating	953	1,000	462
Water/Sewer	530	530	530
Building Repairs	4,226	4,000	900
Insurance	1,198	1,200	1,418
Training/Meetings	640	480	21
Printing & Advertising	1,406	300	468
Memberships	350	350	600
General Supplies	6,868	5,200	6,820
Postage	873	800	808
Furniture	313	0	100
Collections: Books	21,507	16,075	16,360
Subscriptions	2,995	3,000	3,302
Non-Print	5,193	5,999	4,655
Large Print	1,761	1,500	2,153
Sub total	130,131	145,857	135,308
New Library Studies	0	0	17,780
Magazine Covers	0	0	789
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>\$130,131</u>	<u>\$145,857</u>	<u>\$153,877</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$1,277</u>		<u>\$6,896</u>

ABBOTT LIBRARY REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2002

<i>Statistics:</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2001</i>		<i>2002</i>	<i>2001</i>
Circulation	41,544	39,388	Inter-Library Loans by Abbott	1,258	1,103
Library Visitors	20,454	21,367	Inter-Library Loans to Abbott	313	270
Patrons Registered	4,594	4,409	Internet Users	1,263	1,199
Children (in library)	4,536	(no figure)			

Collection additions:

Adult fiction	620	Children's fiction	231
Adult non-fiction	285	Children's non-fiction	104
Video	58	DVD	42
Audio	139	CD Book	19
CD (music)	18	Children's Audio	10
Discards	80	Total Collection	30,493

Library Programs and Projects:

Thursday Morning Preschool Story Hour (weekly)
 Adult Book Discussion Group (monthly)
 Socrates Café – a philosophical discussion (monthly)
 Children's Poetry Workshop (monthly)
 FIRST TIME Town-Wide-Book-Read in progress from November 2002 through February 2003
 Moon Rock Exhibit – by Joanne Tuxbury



Abbott's Awesome Volunteer Group numbers 9 who work on a regular basis putting in more than 1000 hours this past year, PLUS numerous other special event workers (Book Sale, Pancake Breakfast, Gardening, Plant Sale, Programs, etc.) whose hours cannot be calculated. We are truly thankful to this group of workers who contribute greatly to the efficient operation of the Library.

The Friends of Abbott Library have continued to have a special speaker at each of their three yearly meetings. These have become an essential part of their program, and have increased member attendance and participation. This year the Friends have supported our Children's Summer Reading program; "Lions, and Tigers, and Books, Oh my" with proceeds from the Annual Spring Plant Sale, Music with Kathy Low Bloch, and The Hampstead Players for the elementary school children. They have funded the Library's project of covering all magazines that are in circulation with a strong vinyl cover protecting them from constant handling, dirt, and the return in the outside book drop. This project has increased the usage each item can take. The Friends have also helped support the Trustees in pursuing the task of searching and evaluating new potential Library sites. Our thanks to each and every one of the Friends for the wonderful help they give to the Library and Community.

The Abbott Journal, a bimonthly printed newsletter on library activities, was distributed to all Sunapee residents in the past year. However, printing and

mailing costs were found to be too high for the print product, and it was replaced in September by a new electronic newsletter, ***Book Bytes***. Book Bytes highlights new acquisitions available at the library, as well as news of library and town events. It is distributed twice a month to any Sunapee resident that provides the library with their e-mail address. The electronic distribution permits much more frequent distribution (four times as often as the printed Abbott Journal) at a fraction of the production and distribution cost. We invite everyone to submit your e-mail to the library and receive this newsletter, even if you are not a registered user of the library.

Planning for a new library building, which has been underway for many years, accelerated this year with the completion of a number of studies and analyses that quantified present usage in detail and defined requirements for the new library. An architect/consultant was retained to evaluate a number of alternative sites, and the most promising sites were put in a survey mailed to a sample of town voters. Further input from town voters will be sought before final site selection is made. Warrant articles will be presented to voters in 2003 to permit the library to proceed with fund raising for the new building in 2003, with plans to begin construction in 2004.

The Abbott Library Staff thank the Board of Trustees and the Community for their continued advice, assistance, and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Hand



SUNAPEE GARDENER'S REPORT 2002

As I sit down to write this report, on the other side of the window is a white wonderland of snow... This is our winter garden, peaceful and quiet...Our summer gardens are sleeping - soon to be awakened with the coming of the tulips in the Town Memorial Garden in the Harbor.

- ✧ ***January/February***...Sunapee Gardeners sit with garden books, seed catalogs, and thoughts of summer gardens.
- ✧ ***March***...The first gardener's meeting...the month of garden review...what we liked, what worked well...what plants to move, divide? Waiting to see the historic hydrangea come up...have we eradicated that horrible weed that was choking their root system? Yes, March is a busy time for gardeners.

- ✂ *April...*Gardeners choose the garden they want to work on during the summer months. Design and plan their gardens repeating tried and true plants along with new varieties and color combinations. In April we also place our flower order with our supplier and anxiously wait for the first weekend in June to plant the gardens. (We plant in June to avoid the last frost or the last snowstorm!!!)
- ✂ *May...* To Sunapee Gardeners, the month of May means garden clean-up and flower bed preparation.
- ✂ *June...*A festive month for the Sunapee Gardeners, also a time of careful care. New tender plants just out of perfect growing conditions have been planted in a new environment...in a few weeks they will have doubled in size and the summer show begins for all to enjoy!
- ✂ *July...*A month of care...gardeners will continue to care for their gardens rotating their responsibilities of one week for a total of 4 or 5 times during the summer...getting together with their garden team discussing the needs of their garden.
- ✂ *August...*Care continued...**SPECIAL EVENT**...Celebration of those memorialized in the Memorial Garden takes place...1st Wednesday in August during intermission of the Band Concert.
- ✂ *September...*Special attention to all gardens...the summer is winding down and the plants are under stress.
- ✂ *October...*Third week in October...gardens are put to bed.
- ✂ *December...*Greening of the Harbor...lights strung on the gazebo...Sunapee High School students put Christmas tree in gazebo.

This past summer was a challenge for the gardeners...early summer brought more rain than we needed...mid summer brought drought, slugs, and all kinds of new bugs! In spite of all this the gardens were beautiful and the blooms lasted long into the fall!!!! The success of the gardens goes to the 36 diligent and dedicated volunteers that make up the Sunapee Gardeners.

Isn't it amazing how the smallest seeds can create a concert of quiet beauty for all of our community and visitors to enjoy!

Respectfully submitted,
Ellie Goddard
 Sunapee Gardeners

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT - 2002

This was a difficult year for the Recreation Committee as we sought to maintain our programs effectively and safely for the townspeople in the midst of a number of transitions. With the resignation of Nick Memole, and the interim appointment of Larry Flint, and finally our new part-time Recreation Director Norm Morin, we are now fully invested in moving the program forward. We put energy into maintaining and improving the quality of our facilities with the work on the seeding of the Route 11 Field last spring, and improving the Dewey Beach property in the summer. We have created storage space in the basement of town hall so that we will have the ability to store uniforms and equipment for existing programs. We have been working on several new projects for which we applied for state funding: the first being a skateboard park to be positioned near the Route 11 Field built into the hill, the second being a small field at the Dewey Woods property adjacent to Mt. Royal Academy that we could use/share with Mt. Royal. Unfortunately, both projects were denied funding...we are looking to re-write these grants (site work design plans have been completed for the skateboard park). As our programs continue to grow, we are aware of the need for our facilities to keep pace with that demand. We purchased some used equipment from Mt. Sunapee in hopes of using it for the skateboard park when it is funded. Future planning and development of sites as well as funding will be a significant priority for us to continue to provide quality programs for our youth.

As a committee we affirmed our mission statement: "To provide diverse recreational programs, activities, and leisure opportunities to as many residents and age groups as possible, promoting personal growth, social development, and a healthy lifestyle. The department will promote community involvement in developing and providing our services, while ensuring customer service excellence, affordability, and equal opportunity for all citizens."

As a result of our personnel transitions this year we are now requiring background checks of all volunteer coaches in the program, as well as all paid employees to the town. There will be no charge to the individual in this process. We thank all those who have coached in the programs this year as in the past, and look forward to your continued involvement in the program. I would also like to apologize at this point if any names are missed in this report ... some of our documentation is incomplete.

2002 SPRING ACTIVITIES

Softball

Thanks to Mark Wirta who coached the 5-6th grade girl's softball team with 10 girls participating, and also to Jeff Stevens who coached the 3-4th grade team of 13 members. This year the Recreation Department did not fund the Middle School program, as it was repositioned in the School budget.

T-Ball

Thanks to Chuck Weinstein who coached the 5-7 year-old t-ball program this spring.

Little League

More than 80 (7-12 year olds) turned out for the Kearsarge Valley Little League Baseball program. There was an additional farm team this year (3 total) and thanks to Rusty Fowler for coaching the Sharks, Rob Simpson for coaching the Raiders, and Chuck Weinstein for coaching the Bears. Paul Skarin coached the minor league team, the Athletics, again this year. The major league teams were coached this year by Steve Anglin (the Astros) and Bobby Saindon (the Orioles)

The Recreation Committee would like to thank the many volunteer coaches, assistants, drivers, as well as the players and their supportive parents for continuing Sunapee's outstanding youth baseball/softball tradition. A special thank you to Sunapee's volunteer baseball and softball umpires: Dan Hudkins, Jeff Trow, Brian Snider, Nick Memole, Jim Walsh, George Grant, Kevin Cooney, Ken Ricketts, and Jay Harvey.

2002 SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Beach – We had a successful 2002 Beach season for Dewey and Georges Mills. Our Beach Manager this year was Candy Saindon who provided much needed support and guidance for the program. Tom Moore returned as our WSI (Water Safety Instructor) and with the help of his two assistants (Kalena McHugh and Bob Saindon) the swim lesson program had approximately 100 participants (down from last year's all time high of 170); however the quality of the experience was exceptional with three instructors. Next year we are hoping to institute a Junior Life Guarding program for swimmers that test out of the program because of their proficiency. New beach chairs for guards and an arts and crafts program brought a variety of programming options, such as candle making, beading, and more for next year. We incorporated a new program this year at Dewey Beach to create a focus on weekend activities ... sand castle building contest, beach volleyball, Dewey Olympics with pie eating and watermelon races. We also had a successful summer Concessions and Kayak use by residents. We want to thank the Lifeguard and General Beach Staff for their work this summer – they were a great crew and worked hard to provide a professional and fun venue for the townspeople: Mike B, Erin, Sarah, and Jared. Lifeguards who handled the beachfront were Danielle, Mike S., Josiah, Brian, and Darcie.

Tennis – For the fourth year in a row many townspeople enjoyed summer use of the Dexter's Inn tennis courts. Many thanks to John and Emily Augustine for their support of our program and hope that you will consider playing next year if you didn't this year. Thanks to Ann Webb who organized round robin tournaments for residents, as well.

Play Soccer Summer Camp - This was a weeklong camp designed for participants' enjoyment and to enhance skills at virtually all ages and skill levels. We had 30 participants this year (down slightly from last year). Thanks to Robin and Alan Abendroth and others for opening their homes and families to the Play Soccer coaching staff.

2002 FALL ACTIVITIES

Soccer – Sunapee again participated in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League. We had about 75 participants in this year's fall program. We did not have to sponsor the Middle School program this year ... but did field two third-fourth-grade teams for girls, and two teams for boys. At the fifth-sixth-grade level we supported one team for girls and one team for boys. Thanks to all of the coaches: Van Webb, Alan Abendroth, Mike Emmond, Jeane Circosta, Jim Parsons, and Brian Emery. Thanks also to all of the volunteer parents for their effort and support. High School student-players again made up the core of our officiating crew. Thank you to Mike Saindon, Jon Hamel, Tyler Webb, Sam Webb, Corey McGrath, Jared Circosta, and Josh Bushueff. They received many compliments for their outstanding effort.

Chuck Weinstein organized the K – 2 skills program on Saturday mornings. He, along with Paul Skarin, Rusty Fowler, Brian Emery and other volunteers worked with approximately 30 participants.

2002 WINTER ACTIVITIES

Elementary Basketball – The Quad Valley League is in process. Sunapee is supporting a 3rd-4th-grade team for boys and for girls. We also support a 5th – 6th grade team for boys and girls. The Recreation Committee thanks the coaches Steve Anglin, Greg Pickering, George Curt, Rusty Fowler, Dick Modersohn, Nicole Fazio, Mary Lyman, Ed Tenney, and Wendy Britton, as well as the many other volunteers who assisted as scorekeepers and gym supervisors. A special thank you to Steve Whitehead for his time coaching, training referees, and officiating.

Pee Wee Basketball – Paul Skarin has been responsible for this program this year. It is a six-session skill building and fun play experience for kindergarten through second grade boys and girls. This year we have about 45 participants, over 100% increase over last year. Many thanks to all the parents who are assisting Paul at the gym on Saturday mornings.

Youth Drop-In Basketball – Once again we have youth drop-in basketball for grades 3 –12 on Saturday nights at Sherburne Gym. The program runs from December through February with each age group having specific times to play. Program participants are allowed to simply shoot baskets or take part in more organized pickup games and contests. Participants in elementary and middle

school took most advantage of this program. Many thanks to the participants and the adult supervisors for making this program successful.

Ice Skating – The Ice Skating will again be at the Ben Mere Park area. Many thanks to Jeff Brode and his sons Jay and Mike for their assistance in trying to maintain the ice surface.

2002 ADULT PROGRAMS

Volleyball – Adult Drop-In Volleyball continues at High School Gym on Tuesday and Friday evenings. All Sunapee residents are welcome. Thanks to Billie Barry, Kelly Perron, and Pam Larpenner for their efforts to coordinate the program.

Basketball – Adult Drop-In Basketball for those over 30 lost many of its participants to hockey this year. However, it is returning on Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 10:30 at the Sherburne Gym.

Drop-In Hockey – Has been very well attended by all ages.

2002-2003 SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Boston Red Sox and Nashua Pride Baseball**- This past spring we took two trips to see the Red Sox and the Nashua Pride providing discounted tickets for the townspeople.
- Support of the **Health Fair in May** an annual event for Recreation Committee ... we provided lights for bicycles with a safety orienting program in conjunction with Outspokin' Sports.
- Support of the **new literacy program** at the Elementary School run by Brenda Huff was also supported by Recreation.
- Fall brought our traditional support of the annual **SPTO Halloween Party** for children of all ages at the Sherburne Gym.
- **Christmas Tree Lighting** – Our annual special events begin pre-Christmas with the tree lighting at the harbor with caroling by the Time Travelers and then again at the Methodist Church with a visit from Santa. Approximately 40 people attended this year's event. Thanks to the Sunapee Fire Department, the Sunapee Seniors, Methodist Church, Ellie Goddard, and the Time Travelers for their support.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** – Weather cooperating, we will plan to do it in 2003.

IN SUMMARY: There is more that we would like to do for the townspeople and for our youth. We are particularly aware of our need to be more supportive programmatically of our senior population, and that is a goal that we will try to do a better job with in the future. All of our programs should see continued growth with some stability in our part-time Recreation Director. I hope that if you have suggestions, that you will notify Norm Morin at town hall by calling 763-2212. His office hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 3 pm to 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb McGrath (Chairperson) with special thanks to the committee who has worked through some difficult issues during some difficult times for all in the best interests of the town.

Recreation Committee – *Steve Anglin, Paula Flanders, Patricia Halpin, Candy Saindon, Chuck Weinstein, Chris Williams*

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION: 2002

During the past year the Commission has continued to carry out the routine tasks, which state regulations require. Normally, we met on the first Wednesday of every month, barring unforeseen emergencies, and dealt with a wide range of matters relating to the Town's natural resources. Every year, for example, we must review and investigate applications to Wetland Board (DES) for permits to do a wide range of environmentally sensitive projects. Among the commonest are: dock and boathouse repair, construction of new docks, draining and filling wetlands, the cutting of timber, and replenishment of beaches. We also investigated reports of failing septic systems, silt runoff from construction sites, and improper interference with natural waterways. And now and then we have to look into complaints from abutters and neighbors about alleged infractions of state wetlands laws.

As I try to make clear every January, we are increasing our efforts to assist contractors and landowners in hastening the approval of the more routine kind of Wetland Board applications. The Town Clerk always promptly informs a Commission member the same day that an application is filed, so that the often-lengthy approval process can be started without delay. And once again, I will stress that it is to the applicant's advantage if his application is filled out in the fullest possible compliance with the stated instructions. Documents, which are incomplete or sketchy, are often held up in Concord.

Emmons Jenkins submitted his resignation from the Commission on October 2. The Commissioners would like to extend their thanks to Skip for his many years of service.

Unanimous motions were passed to make Lela Emery an alternate member of the Commission, and to make Andy Clifford a sitting member.

The management of the Ledge Pond tract required a lot of our attention in 2002. Now that the timber harvest is complete, the Commission is working to clean up leftover debris on some of the trails, to improve the appearance of the tract's entrance, to remove the rusting hulks of vehicles and farm equipment, to create a small parking lot, to do some signage, and to erect a gating arrangement which will be satisfactory to all concerned parties.

We would like to thank our new member Lela Emery, for the trail work that she and ten of her Cub Scouts did on the Ledge Pond trails. The efforts they

all made were not only a great help; they were also a fine example.

Our newly retained surveyor Colin Brown, of Central Land Surveying, has confirmed that our previous surveyor's findings about the Ledge Pond tract's boundaries were accurate.

Lela Emery has also been working on obtaining the landowners' permission documents required by the SRK Greenway project.

Your Commissioners would appreciate citizen support in the coming year for our Warrant Articles. Like all Conservation Commission requests, they involve comparatively modest funds. We would like a small increase in our operating budget to reflect the across-the-board rises in costs and in the membership fees we must pay, and we will be requesting that our share of the Change-of-Use penalty assessments be increased to 50% without cap. These funds, along with our annual Capital Reserve allocation, are aimed at the ultimate acquisition of additional tracts of Town-owned land to be preserved in perpetuity. Sunapee's preserved land currently represents only a very small percentage of the Town's total area, far less than the average for towns in the state. (See the big green map in the Town Hall.) Our goal is the preservation of the Town's rural character.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Burdett
Conservation Commission



UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2002

The UVLSRPC is a nonprofit, voluntary association of 30 communities in New Hampshire and Vermont. Our service area is based on clusters of communities united by a long history of employment, transportation, and education connections, as well as by other issues of common concern. We serve the towns of the Lake Sunapee area, Sullivan County, and the Upper Valley. Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each of these three areas, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Your community's membership in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in both regional and statewide decision-making that affects the future of your community.

We provide the communities of the region with a mechanism to work together toward balanced growth, in part by developing and implementing a

comprehensive regional plan. In 2002, we began an update of the UVLSRPC Regional Plan, incorporating and responding to what we have learned from 2002 Census data and the Upper Valley Housing Needs Analysis. Among other activities, we:

- Worked with area organizations and businesses to increase awareness of the serious housing shortage in the Upper Valley, and worked with communities to address the problem.
- Helped several communities obtain grant funds for a variety of projects, including planning for economic development, protection of watersheds, wildlife habitat, scenic resources and agricultural land, and building visitor facilities and bike paths.
- Provided guidance to the Sullivan County Economic Development Council on organizational issues; explored a possible new partnership with the North Country Economic Development District for Grafton County communities; continued work on the East-Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in partnership with Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, to ensure business growth meets the needs of our communities; and helped launch the Eastern Vermont Gateway Regional Marketing Organization to support tourism in the Upper Valley.
- Assisted 11 communities with updates of their master plans and 10 with local land use regulations.
- Utilized special-purpose grants to develop a plan for Hartford's Route 5 South corridor that balances resource protection and industrial development goals for Hartland's Three Corners area that improves the safety of the pedestrian and bicycle circulation, and for the areas surrounding Hartland's Interstate 91 interchange, to maintain scenic vistas while facilitating appropriate development.
- Continued our assistance to watershed organizations planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including the Sugar River, Cold River, Mascoma River, and Lull's Brook.
- Organized four hazardous waste collections that gave 805 households a way to keep approximately 9,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater.
- Began re-addressing in Claremont to improve emergency response; completed hazard mitigation plans in Lebanon and Enfield, and arranged funding to complete six more in the coming year, as well as integrate those in the core Upper Valley communities.
- Participated in the review of several proposed developments with potential regional impacts including the expansion of the Mt. Sunapee ski area, a proposed new boat ramp on Lake Sunapee, the new visitors' center and Vermont Institute for Natural Science museum at Quechee

Gorge, and several telecommunications towers in our Connecticut River Valley communities.

- Collected traffic data in 20 communities, and mapped new roads in 14 communities to qualify for state aid for maintenance.
- Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding.
- Provided monthly circuit rider services to five communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.
- Held 12 training sessions for local officials on land use regulations, natural resource protection, and the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on many issues, including: improvements for roads and intersections, un-maintained road policies, management of excavations, preservation of historic resources, future school enrollment projections, capital improvement programming and impact fees, interpretation of local land use regulations, hiring consultants, and planning and zoning board procedures.
- Continued to increase the ability of our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analysis and natural resource planning; provided GIS services to 21 communities and partner organizations.
- Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; incorporated 2000 Census information into a new digital regional socioeconomic profile as it became available; and responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming years. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, and from local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact info@uvlsrpc.org or us at (603) 448-1680 to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford

Executive Director

**UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

During 2002, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) organized four Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Collection events in three different locations throughout the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region. The events covered thirteen New Hampshire communities: the ten member communities of the Greater Upper Valley Solid waste District—which co-sponsors events held in Hartford—and three additional Vermont communities. Eight hundred and five households, together with a small number of local businesses, brought over 9,000 gallons of hazardous waste to the collections. (Although collections are for residents only, businesses may prearrange to bring their waste to a collection). New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services grants, acquired by UVLSRPC for participating NH communities, saved over \$12,000 for NH towns. The collections have continued to be successful, and four (with one additional event currently being negotiated) are scheduled for the summer and fall of 2003.

As part of the collection events, UVLSRPC provides promotional flyers to participating towns, and advertises the event in local newspapers. Additionally, flyers detailing oil collections sites, computer recycling, and other topics are available to interested households or municipalities.

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee (UVHHWC), acting as the “educational arm” of the HHW project, provides support at collection events held at the Hartford Hazardous Waste Facility site. The UVHHWC is a volunteer committee working to reduce harm to the environment and human health caused by the use and improper disposal of household hazardous waste in the Upper Valley. The Committee aims to:

- Educate the public to the dangers of hazardous waste
- Encourage the use of less hazardous products in the home
- Promote proper disposal of household hazardous waste
- Support local agencies which reflect/promote their mission

Although the Committee serves only the core Upper Valley region, the interactive exhibits and educational materials managed by them are available to all UVLSRPC member towns.

2002 PLANNING/ZONING PERMITS
CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

Total Applications	113
Garages, Storage Buildings, Pools, Fences, Other Structures	35
Additions to Existing Homes	43
New Single-Family Homes	20
Replacement of Existing Homes	2
Signs	9
Commercial, Institutional	3
Two-Family	0
Municipal Structures	1



PLANNING BOARD

	Total	Approved Requests	Pending
Subdivisions	9	8	1
Site Plans	7	4	3
Mergers	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Cases	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>

ZONING BOARD

	Total	Approved Requests	Denied	Withdrawn
Special Exceptions	30	26	3	1
Variances	36	6	0	0
Administrative Appeal	2	0	1	0
Special Condition	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Requests	<u>36</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>

OTHER PERMITS

Tree Cutting Requests (within 150' of a Great Pond)	
Number of Requests/Number of Trees	15/27
Driveway Permits	25
Erosion Control/Land Disturbance	11

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

There are six Zoning Amendments on the ballot for March 2003. Overall, the proposed Amendments fix some holes in our existing Ordinances and provide better definitions where they are needed.

Amendment #1 provides for warehousing in the Mixed Use District. We presently allow light industry and other commercial uses in this district, but have not provided for these businesses to warehouse their goods. This amendment will correct that.

Amendment #2 allows Public and Private Schools in the Rural-Residential District by Special Exception. Schools are now limited to the Village District where little land is available to locate them. Under this change, schools will be

allowed in the Rural-Residential District, provided they pass Zoning Board review on the appropriateness of the selected location.

Amendment #3 will allow high-tech research & development firms to locate in the Rural-Residential District provided they are part of a Planned Unit Development and also pass Special Exception review by the Zoning Board.

Amendment #4 expands the definition and requirements for a Cluster Development. The purpose of clustering is to encourage conservation of open space, historic resources, and natural features, by allowing houses on lots of reduced dimensions. The overall acreage of the development must still meet the maximum density requirements set for single-family homes. Under the proposed Amendment, a cluster must be a minimum of 5 contiguous acres, residential in nature, and maintain a 50 ft. buffer strip between any structure and the perimeter boundary of the development. In addition, no building may be located within 20 ft. of the edge of the road or 10 ft from the edge of any right-of-way within the development. Lots may not be less than 15,000 sq. ft or have less than 75 ft. road frontage. The total open space must equal at least half of the total development land area, exclusive of roads, right-of-ways, and amenities such as tennis courts, etc.

Amendment #5 provides a better definition of Planned Unit Development (PUD). The PUD allows for a variety of housing types and/or commercial uses without creating individual lots. Its purpose is to encourage the mix uses so typical of small New England villages. PUDs will be permitted in the Village, Mixed-Use, and Rural-Residential districts. A PUD must contain a minimum of 2 contiguous acres, and must meet the density requirements for the respective zoning district. Buildings must be set back 20 ft from the edge of the road or 10 ft from any right-of-way within the developments. Buildings shall not be located closer than 20 ft. to one another. Open space must equal at least 25% in the Village and Mixed-Use Districts and 50% in the Rural-Residential District, and these percentages must be exclusive of parking areas, roads, amenities, etc.

The final proposed zoning change, **Amendment #6**, allows fees for Certificates of Zoning Compliance to be set by the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of this amendment is to allow the Selectmen to set permit fees as needed to cover Department expenses, without requiring a town vote each time the fee is changed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy Chalmers
Planning Board Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The continued growth in our town was reflected in the number of cases that came before the board this past year. Even though the amount of building

permit applications for 2002 was only slightly higher than in 2001, 113 vs. 107 respectively, the number of zoning requests rose from 23 in 2001 to 39 this past year, matching the highest number of cases in one year since zoning was adopted in 1987. In addition, the board also considered 4 requests for rehearing. Of the 39 requests, 30 were for Special Exceptions, of which 26 were approved and 4 were denied. The board also heard 6 requests for variances, all of which were granted. There were 4 Request for Rehearing of previous decisions, 2 of which were granted. The 2 Appeals heard by the board were denied, with 1 decision being modified as a result of the appeal. Finally, there was 1 Special Condition request heard and approved.

This past year, the Zoning & Planning Boards, in response to public inquiry and continued growth, addressed the issue of establishing a building inspector/code enforcement position for the town of Sunapee. The 2002 state legislature voted in favor of establishing the statewide adoption of the International Building Code. With so much building going on, many residents and board members expressed a concern about compliance with local and safety codes. An Ad hoc Committee was formed to look at the requirements and responsibilities of forming and maintaining such a position. The establishment of this position will come before the town at town meeting in the near future, for consideration.

The Sunapee area, most notably along the shores of Lake Sunapee, has seen an enormous amount of growth and construction activity over the past few years, which was reflected in the amount of cases that came before the Zoning Board, with over 90% of them on lakefront property. Although construction activity remained constant, the actual amount of "tear-downs" or home replacements on the lakefront went from 11 in 2001 to just 2 last year, indicating a shift in more remodeling and additions to existing homes.

The Board, guided by the zoning ordinance, which was crafted from the town's master plan, zoning law, and public input, oftentimes struggles with their decisions. As a volunteer board of elected and appointed citizens, we are very much aware that the decisions we make could, and oftentimes do, have a tremendous impact on our community and how it is affected by growth. Currently, we have a full board of 5 regular members and 5 alternate members; although it has not always been the case this year and in previous periods. We strongly encourage any citizen of Sunapee or Georges Mills to participate in the Zoning Board's decisions, either by attending the meetings as a notified abutter or interested party, or by joining the board when a position is open. Most people find it an extremely rewarding and enlightening process and experience, along with taking an active part in determining how our town evolves.

Respectfully submitted

Peter J. White, Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairperson

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD - 2002

For years the Sunapee Fire Department has given out a Citizen of the Year award at their Annual Fireman Supper. In the spring this year we gave out two awards. The first award went to David Williams, a firefighter/EMT and the second to Mona Meacham, an outstanding citizen. The committee that selects the award winners are all the past award winners, we tend to pick people who have a long history of contributing to the town.

David Williams

In March of 1974, Dave joined the West Boylston, Massachusetts Fire Department as an auxiliary firefighter. In June of 1975, Dave became a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician-Basic. In September of 1975, he became a regular member of the Boylston Fire Department.

In September of 1990, Dave moved to Sunapee. In October of that same year, he joined the Sunapee Fire Department and Fast Squad. In April of 1992, Dave became a Nationally Registered EMT-intermediate; in that same year Dave was elected to the post of Captain of the Sunapee Fast Squad. In July of 1998, he was elected to the Board of Fire Engineers and elected Deputy Fire Chief of the Sunapee Fire Department.

Since Dave has moved into town, he has volunteered to help out in various ways. He has put in countless hours in the Fire Service and even more in the Fast Squad.

Mona Meacham

Mona came to Sunapee in 1946 with her husband Ralph. He took on the job of principal of Sunapee School. He was also a teacher of chemistry, physics, and math, and coached the ski team. Ralph and Mona left Sunapee in 1953 but they summered at Perkins Pond and moved back in the mid 80s. About 10 years ago, Mona and Flo Montana decided to take over the Sunapee Thrift Shop. With help from others they have kept it running. Mona has also been involved in church functions and is a strong supporter of Sunapee sports programs. I personally know her to travel clear across the state to watch a volleyball game. Mona has said that she does not deserve all this recognition. But we feel that her quiet participation in the town over many years has made Mona Meacham our choice for Citizen of the Year.

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, cooperate and coordinate to reduce the

risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L: 17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003, prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and making sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdfi.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES!

2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 10, 2002)

<u>TOTALS BY COUNTY</u>			<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>		
Belknap	52	13.5	Arson/Suspicious	43
Carroll	80	10.5	Campfire	31
Cheshire	39	17	Children	32
Coos	3	2.5	Smoking	32
Grafton	53	21	Rekindle of Permit	3
Hillsborough	108	54.5	Illegal	7
Merrimack	94	13.5	Lightning	36
Rockingham	60	25.5	Misc*	356
Strafford	31	23		
Sullivan	20	6		

(Misc: power lines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, and equipment.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During the year 2002, the Sunapee Fire Department responded to 314 calls, which include both fire and EMS. We had 5 structure fires. Please remember to change your smoke alarm batteries 2 times a year. A good way to remember is to change them when daylight savings time begins and ends. **SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES.** We also had a large increase in Motor vehicle accidents this year. So please use caution when driving. Do not drink and drive, and pull over if you need to use your cell phone. Make sure your car is ready for winter driving.

Our EMS / Fire Squad continues with fire and medical safety education by going into our elementary school and teaching our children safety.

We are all very excited with our new rescue vehicle. It responds to each call and is equipped with our medical and fire equipment. Please stop by some day to view it.

We are also very excited to have 8 individuals in our Explorers Program. These young men and women range from age 15-18, and are learning both fire and EMS. They will someday be our future Firefighters/EMS personnel.

We have developed a HAZMAT team with our surrounding towns and are currently in the process of scheduling some training

We are also in the process of developing a plan for a new safety services building and have a warrant asking for financing to do the feasibility study.

Below is a summary of the Runs made by the Fire/EMS Department for 2002:

18 Alarm Activation's	1 Good Intent
66 Motor Vehicle Accidents	10 Abdominal Pain
10 Mutual Aid Responses	22 Chest Pain
5 Smoke Investigations	1 Choking
3 Carbon Monoxide detector alarms	8 Lift Assists
4 Oil spills	18 Diabetic problems
2 Car Fires	8 Traumas
1 Electrical problem	6 Back Pain
3 Chimney Fires	1 Burn patient
5 Structure Fires	6 Headaches
2 Snowmobile accidents	15 Shortness of Breath
2 911 Hang ups	1 Finger Caught in Seatbelt
10 Brush Fires	2 Psychological calls
1 Appliance Fire	7 Lacerations
7 Wires Down	8 Plugged Catheters
3 LP Gas Leaks	10 Unresponsive Patients
8 Syncope Episodes	5 Seizures
6 Weakness	4 Suicidal Tendencies
25 Falls	

A "Files of Life" system is still in affect. We want to remind everyone that these files are housed in a red plastic folder, which adheres to your refrigerator. In this holder is an information sheet containing pertinent medical information (i.e.; age, allergies, medications, medical problems, and medical history), which should be completed by all household members and left on your refrigerator. Please keep these updated, as they benefit you and EMS personnel. Please contact the fire department if you do not have one and we will supply them free of charge.

There will be no incinerator permits given, as there is a new RSA prohibiting trash burning for residential properties.

We are very appreciative to all the people who support our Department. Thanks to all of you, we are able purchase gear and equipment to better serve our community safely. Please continue to dial 911 for all emergency calls. Please check your carbon monoxide detectors once a month to make sure they are operational.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Board of Fire Engineers, *Dan Ruggles*, Chief, *Duane Abbott*, *Dana Ramspott*, *David Williams*, Deputy Chiefs



LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VISITING NURSE REPORT

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association has the opportunity, on a daily basis, to make a real difference in our community and to provide services that are significant. We try to strengthen your ability to achieve what is valuable to you through our highly skilled clinical services and the caring touch of our staff and volunteers, through our technology, our health education, and our support programs.

We know that home care keeps families together...there is no more important a social value. We know that home care helps preserve the independence of the elderly and prevents or postpones institutionalization. Home care promotes healing, provides support and symptom management for the dying,

and allows acutely and chronically ill children to be at home, and sometimes even to continue to attend school.

During the past year, all of us at Lake Sunapee Region VNA worked to ensure that we carried out our mission to collaborate with physicians and others to provide needed home health and hospice services that preserve dignity and independence, and to sponsor a work environment of excellence for our employees.

Medicare and private insurance companies continue to focus on decreasing costs to control government spending and to keep premiums affordable. This is a difficult task that puts additional burdens on health care providers daily. We also face increasing staff shortages, especially in nursing. In order to deal with this reality, Lake Sunapee Region VNA continued to invest in technology that allows us to become more efficient. Technology investments ranged from monitoring units in the home, to personal emergency response units, to laptop technology for the staff that makes documenting care and complying with regulations more efficient. We also invested in training our staff to ensure that they have the most up-to-date skills and competencies to meet the ever-changing demands in the home. Finally, we partnered with other organizations to develop new models of care such as our *Bringing Children Home* project. This initiative links five home care agencies with other providers to develop systems and skills that will allow us to care for very sick children and keep them at home with their families as much as possible. One father stated, “Your services allowed us to be a family again.”

We hope that if you or someone you know received care during the past year from Lake Sunapee Region VNA, that it was a service that had value to you and your family. Following is a list of a few of the community benefit services we provided for residents in your community:

- Caregiver Training programs
- Adult and Children’s Bereavement Support
- Health Education programs
- Parent-Child Support Group
- Administration of the LifeLine program
- Daily monitoring of acutely and chronically ill patients through telemedicine
- Mentoring of student nurses, licensed nursing assistants and therapists
- Medications for low income children
- Site for Kearsarge Food Pantry
- Meeting space for outside groups
- File of Life kits and emergency preparedness teaching for each patient
- Hospice Volunteer Training

During the past year 589 residents of Sunapee utilized our services. Adults and children needing home care and hospice services received 1,716 visits. In addition, people needing long-term assistance received 5,967 hours of care. LifeLine monitoring was provided for 20 people, and 25 residents used our HomMed vital-sign monitoring program. We are grateful for the loyal support of our towns, individuals, and business donors. You make it possible for us to continue our mission in this community.

Respectfully,
Andrea Steel
President and CEO



New London Hospital
Capable. Caring. Close.

To Our Patients, Neighbors and Friends:

New London Hospital met many challenges in 2002. Facing a significant deficit from operations and a change in management leadership, the Board of Trustees charged an interim management team from Helms & Company to stabilize the financial operations, review all the services provided by the hospital, recruit more primary care physicians, and determine the most effective partnership for the sustainability of our community hospital.

The end of 2002 brought many important developments for New London Hospital. While the fiscal year that ended on September 30, 2002, resulted in a loss from operations, the next three months saw significant improvements in cost containment. Hospital Days brought thousands of residents and visitors to the New London Town Green over three days, and raised over \$40,000 to support the hospital child care center that also serves community members. The hospital has applied for Critical Access Hospital designation that could bring improved reimbursement for all hospital Medicare services. The Board of Trustees entered into discussions for a relationship with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Memorial Hospital and formally disaffiliated from Capital Regional Health Care. A new primary care physician established her practice in New London. Attendance at Hospital Town Hall Meetings in August and October reflected the deep interest and commitment of the residents in the future of New London Hospital.

As New London Hospital enters its 86th year, we are very aware of its importance as a health resource to the community, and we are committed to sustaining this resource. The hospital Board of Trustees, management, and staff

face many challenges in 2003, and strongly believe that we have taken some decisive actions already to ensure that New London Hospital will continue to provide quality patient care for years to come.

Jeffrey G. White, FACHE
Interim President and CEO

Douglas O'Mara, MD
Medical Staff President

G. William Helm, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

Community Benefits Summary

New London Hospital, in compliance with the State of New Hampshire Community Benefits Law, filed the following documents with the Attorney General's office on 12/31/2002, and they are available for public viewing and comment.

- Executive Summary
- Community Benefits Plan Reporting Form
- New London Hospital Community Benefits Plan for Fiscal Year 2003 (10/1/2002-9/30/2003)
- Community Benefit Activities Undertaken by New London Hospital in Fiscal Year 2002 (10/1/2001-9/30/2002)
- Community Needs Assessment

Public input is an integral part of the entire assessment and planning process, and New London Hospital has worked very closely with community members and organizations to make that happen. These are not static documents, but working plans to be used by the hospital and our communities in the months ahead. Therefore, public input is encouraged at any time during the year.

Comments or requests for copies of any of these documents should be directed to Bona Hayes in the Office of Development and Community Affairs at 603.526.5270 or bona.hayes@nlh.crhc.org. Three of the documents--the Executive Summary, Community Benefits Plan for fiscal year 2003 and the Community Benefit Activities Undertaken in fiscal year 2002--can be viewed on the hospital's web site at www.newlondonhospital.org.

Category	Description	Un-reimbursed Cost FY2002	Estimated Cost FY2003
Charity Care	Health care services to individuals who cannot afford to pay	\$ 255,778	\$ 275,000

Community Services			
Classes,	education for K-12 students, health fairs, lectures, screenings, support groups, women's health programs, paramedic intercept program, etc.	30,319	32,000
Medical Education	Continuing education, financial assistance for individuals to advance in the health care field, internships for college and vo-tech students	55480	82500
Subsidized Health Services	Services needed by the community, which operate at a loss, such as ABC's day care, ambulance and primary care	2,314,534	1,825,000
Cash/In-kind	Ambulance coverage at community events, coordination of ARCH and needs assessment process, support of school-based health center, role in disaster preparedness, support of Rock Dental Clinic, Smoke Free Coalition, etc.	85,888	88,000
Total		\$2,741,999	2,302,500

KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC. 2002 Annual Report

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. (KCOA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 with the mission of providing needed services and programs for area citizens over the age of 55 and adults, who through disability may need assistance, thus enhancing the quality of their lives. Its service area includes the towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, and Wilmot. With the exception of day and overnight trips, KCOA charges no program or activity fees, and provides free membership to all who are eligible. As of December 2002, KCOA had approximately 1600 members.

The past year has been an important one in KCOA'S history. On September 14, KCOA celebrated its 10th birthday with a party on the New London green attended by more than 200. What was started in a small office in August 1992 by founders Phebe Downey, Julie Farnham, and a few dedicated volunteers had, at

the end of its first decade, become a thriving organization with 300 volunteers managing more than 30 distinct programs and services that help our area seniors remain independent and contributing members of the Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Area Community.

Our programs continue to grow in number and attendance. The Computer Workshop remains active year round, making constant use of the 8 new Dell computers so generously donated this past summer. Memoir Writing courses and book discussion groups are fully subscribed. The Outdoor Recreation for Seniors (ORFS) program with 70 participants continues to meet weekly for hikes, canoeing, kayaking, snow shoeing and, best of all, the enjoyment of each other's company. The weekly get-togethers for duplicate and contract bridge, scrabble, cribbage, and other games, as well as the crafts and indoors exercise programs are all well attended.

During 2002, KCOA'S volunteer drivers provided more than 40,000 miles of free door-to-door rides. All of these trips were important in enhancing some senior's life. But it should be noted that many were critical. The KCOA volunteer drivers were, in many cases, the only means that some of our members had to get to Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Concord hospitals for dialysis, radiation, chemotherapy, and other vital treatments. KCOA is very proud of its volunteer drivers and believes the regional community owes them a vote of thanks.

On the occasion of its 10th birthday, KCOA announced that it had acquired the right to purchase the 4,800 sq. ft. office building at 5 North Pleasant Street in New London. By obtaining the right to buy this property, KCOA ended a two-year search for a new KCOA center. In November 2002, KCOA started the first phase of a \$1,000,000 Building Fund Campaign through which the Council hopes to purchase the building and establish a fund for its future maintenance. Early indications are that the campaign has an excellent chance of success. The move to these new quarters, planned for the second half of 2003, will allow KCOA to continue to fulfill its mission of enriching the lives of area seniors for many years to come.

KCOA appreciates very much the annual grants by which each town administration supports the work of the Council. KCOA also would like to acknowledge all of the individuals, businesses, civic organizations, and foundations that respond so generously to KCOA's annual appeal for operating funds. KCOA considers it a privilege to serve all of our communities, and thanks all of you for the generosity that allows us to carry on our work.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Zanes, Chairman
December 20, 2002



REPORT OF THE SUNAPEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

First of all, I would like to introduce myself as your new Police Chief, David P. Cahill. I was appointed to this position on May 1, 2002. I grew up in the Town of New London, NH, where I attended and graduated local schools. I started my police career with the Bradford, NH Police Department in 1987, and in 1989 I went to the Town of Hillsboro, NH, where I would spend the next thirteen years. I was assigned to criminal investigations and District Court Prosecution and held the rank of Detective Sergeant before coming to Sunapee. I also worked as an undercover drug detective with The New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. I am currently living in Sunapee with my wife, Jennifer, son Michael, and daughter Megan.

The Sunapee Police Department constantly encounters changes and challenges, and the year 2002 was no exception. During the year 2002, the Sunapee Police Department was charged with many major investigations, including Sexual Assaults, Manufacturing of drugs, Sales of illegal drugs, and Thefts. But with team effort and hard work, those investigations came to successful endings in which the Sunapee Police prevailed.

During the year 2002 the Police Department upgraded the record management system for all police files and records. The new system, called Crimestar, allows the Sunapee Police to synchronize files with approximately 10 other towns in Sullivan County including the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. This allows for all the agencies to share information back and forth. This system enables Sunapee Police to transfer information to NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System). NIBRS is the information that is reported to the federal government each year to compile the country statistics involving victims, suspects, and crimes reported. This record system has taken some time to get adjusted to, but has proven to be an asset to the Sunapee Police Officers.

The Sunapee Police received some new equipment during 2002. The purchases were made possible by generous donations from local citizens, State grants, and the Sunapee Police Benevolent Association. The equipment included four Motorola digital portable radios, three Tire Deflation devices, nine .45 caliber handguns, three Mini 14 rifles, one 12 Ga. Shotgun, and one in-cruiser video camera. All of these items are used daily by the Sunapee Police Department.

In addition to a new Chief of Police, the Town of Sunapee has hired a new Police secretary, Brenda Chamberlin, who resides in Warner, NH with her family. Currently Mrs. Chamberlin works Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Peter Powers was hired as a new Part-time Police officer for the Town of Sunapee. Peter will graduate from the New Hampshire technical Institute in May with an Associates degree in Criminal Justice. Peter is currently a member of the United States Army Reserves, assigned to the 368th engineering battalion based

in Londonderry, NH, and is a medic specialist. Peter resides in Hillsboro with his family. He will begin attending the police academy on January 4, 2003.

I would like to thank the part-time officers Jeffrey Reed, Peter Newbern, and Travis Trybulski for their contributions to supplement the police schedule. All of them have full-time jobs and still find the time to be an active part of our TEAM. In July 2002, Part-time Officer Richard Brown retired after twelve years of dedicated service to the citizens of Sunapee. We wish Richard and his family much happiness in the future.

Again Kenneth "Biff" Ranney was a great asset helping the public in the Sunapee Harbor, and we hope to have "Biff" back for the summer of 2003.

The primary function of the Sunapee Police Department is the protection and preservation of life and property. We achieve this through active patrols and a general presence in the community. During the year 2002, the Sunapee Police Department answered over 4,000 calls for service, including over 1,000 motor vehicle stops on Sunapee roadways. Our busiest time is still the summer, as Sunapee Harbor is in full swing and our population is at its highest with all residents enjoying the amenities of Sunapee and Georges Mills.

So far I have had the pleasure of working with very capable police officers and firefighters in the Town of Sunapee, as well as surrounding communities, who display professionalism during the discharge of their duties. It is this kind of work ethic that will allow all of us to continue to serve the Town of Sunapee efficiently and effectively.

In closing, I would like to invite anyone to stop by the police station to discuss any questions or concerns about what we do or to offer any suggestion on the service of the Sunapee Police Department. This is a great line of communication, as we cannot be in all places all the time and we often rely on the public's input.

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Cahill
Chief of Police

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT 2002

The winter of 2001-2002 was rather late and quite mild. The first winter treatment of roads didn't occur until November 29th and then only 1/2" of sleet. Total snowfall for the winter was only 71", which is about 30" below average. However, the last storm didn't happen until May 18th and that was 3" of very wet snow.

In April, the drilling and blasting of Ledge for the new Highway Garage was started. While that excavation was being done, we were sweeping winter sand and started light grading of gravel roads. In May, we continued grading roads, cleaned all the catch basins, and started construction of the replacement sidewalk on Main Street, from Route 11 to Hames Park. The new drainage that is

part of this project was severely tested during several strong thunderstorms. The concrete for footings was poured on May 14th at the new Highway Garage.

June arrived with more thunderstorms. Framing was started at the new Garage. After May 28th, when the new granite curbing was installed, we started and completed the asphalt paving on the sidewalk project. Late in the month, we grader shimmed Ben Mere Hill. We also adjusted all the sewer and drainage frames and covers on Lower Main Street and North Road in preparation for paving. During July, Lower Main Street, North Road (to Ryder Corner Road) and Ryder Corner Road received new overlay paving. Grader shimming was done on Main Street and a 2-mile section of Jobs Creek Road. Roadside mowing was also done this month. The trusses were erected and the roofing was installed at the new Highway Garage.

In August, more drainage culverts were placed. The floor slabs were poured at the new Garage. Grader shimming was done on Cross Road, Angel Brook Road and Hamel Road. The last inch of pavement was placed on Perkins Pond Road (from North Road to Burma Road). The developer paved the extended part of Otter Hill Road. We also regraded most of the gravel roads. In September, we grader ditched numerous roads. We grader shimmed on Lake Avenue, Birch Point Road, Birch Point Lane and Lovejoy Lane. Due to the numerous hard rainstorms, we had to re-grade most of the gravel roads. At the new Garage, most of the interior construction was completed. We also started moving materials from the old garage to the new garage.

During October, the finish course of hot top was installed at the new Garage. The building was completed this month and we moved into the new Garage. A dedication was held on October 19th. This is a wonderful structure and the entire Department truly appreciates the support we received from the taxpayers of Sunapee. This terrific building will serve the Town well for many years. Winter sand and salt were stockpiled this month. Winter arrived very early this year with 5" of snow on Oct 23rd, and 2" more on the 26th.

November was a very wintry and stormy month. We received 12 winter events with 22½ " of snow. December continued the winter trend with 9 winter events and 31½ " of snow. This has the makings of a very long New England Winter.

Should you have any questions regarding highway operations or procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-5060.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Anthony Bergeron, Road Agent

TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Sunapee Town Building Committee, formed at the request of the Board of Selectmen, has been meeting since May of 1999 to assess the building needs of the nine non-school related town departments.

2002 was an exciting year as we celebrated the successful completion and dedication of the "Dexter O. Collins Highway Garage" on Route 11. The multi-year efforts of the Sunapee Town Building Committee, Tony Bergeron and the entire Sunapee Highway Department, The Select Board, and the Town Manager have resulted in a wonderful facility that is safer and much more appropriate for the work load of this department. We thank all Sunapee residents for their support and help in this project.

This committee continues to pursue the priorities identified in 2001 through its needs survey, meetings with department heads, and open committee meetings. With the first priority, the new highway garage completed, the committee is now beginning our work to determine the best use for the site of the old town highway garage /Fire Station.

The ideas under consideration are:

- Fire Station
- Police Station
- Emergency Services Facility
- Library
- Recreation Department storage

This committee has identified that upgrading the Police Department facility is the most pressing need facing our town's nine non-school related town departments. At the suggestion of both the police and fire departments, we will be evaluating the efficiencies of combining these services under one roof and include space for a coordinated emergency services group.

The first step in this evaluation is a feasibility study, estimated at \$8,000, which will be proposed to voters as a warrant article in March 2003. With your support, we look forward to continuing in our role as an independent committee, monitoring and managing infrastructure development for the Town of Sunapee.

Respectfully submitted,

*Steve McGrath, Chairman, Rob Armstrong, Barbara Hollander,
Denise Preston and Bill Wightman.*

TRANSFER STATION REPORT - 2002

The overall volume of trash increased by 3.8% or 115.85 tons. The combustible trash sent to the Claremont Incinerator increased by 62.25 tons. The non-combustible, non-recyclable trash sent to the Bethlehem landfill increased by 109.42 tons. The amount of recyclables recovered decreased by 55.42 tons. Our overall recycling percentage decreased to 20.4%

The shortfall in recyclables is very important. Not considering the impact to the environment, the tonnage deficient from last year's volume resulted in

increased tipping fees of \$4,821.54. These are your tax dollars. We can only offer the programs; you must participate if recycling is to be effective.

Should you have any questions regarding our operations, please contact me at 763-5060 or speak with any of the attendants at the Transfer Station.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Anthony Bergeron, Road Agent



SUNAPEE FACILITY DECALS

A decal is necessary to gain access to Dewey Beach, Georges Mills Beach, and the Transfer Recycling Station. The decals expire October 1st of each year and are available at the Town Hall Selectmen's Office. All Sunapee Taxpayers are entitled to one decal for each vehicle, when the registration is presented. All Sunapee residents are entitled to a decal when rent receipt or lease agreements, along with the vehicle registration, are presented. The decals should be placed on the driver's side front bumper. The registration number on the decal must match the vehicle's plates. Temporary decals are available for short-term renters and out-of-town contractors. If you are renewing your decals you may mail a request to Town of Sunapee, PO Box 717, Sunapee, NH 03782, or e-mail a request to karen@town.sunapee.nh.us, or call the Selectmen's Office to request your new decals. Springfield residents, who also use the transfer station, have their own decals, which are only issued from the Springfield Town Office.

There is a fee for any materials placed in the open-top container. The tickets necessary for placing materials in this container are available at the Selectmen's Office. Brochures explaining the fee schedule and the materials covered are also available at the Selectmen's Office.

TRANSFER/RECYCLING STATION HOURS

603-763-4614

Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

8:00 am - 4:15 pm

Sunday

8:00 am - 11:45 am

Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

The Town of Sunapee adopted an Ordinance at the Annual Meeting March 12, 1985 (amended March 1989 and 1990) covering our Transfer/Recycling Facility. Copies are available at the Sunapee Town Office.

SUNAPEE WATER QUALITY REPORT – 2003

Test Results for 2002 (1/02 – 12/02)

Is my drinking water safe?

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

What is the source of my water?

The Sunapee water system source is surface water from Lake Sunapee. The water intake pipe is about 35 feet below the surface and is located in Sunapee Harbor. This water is treated and distributed from the Slow Sand Filter Plant located on Harbor Hill. The Georges Mills water system source is two bedrock wells located on Pleasant Street.

Why are there contaminants in my water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amount of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

How can I get involved?

Questions regarding your water systems can be directed to David R. Brennan, Water & Sewer Superintendent, at 603-763-2115, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday – Friday. The Water & Sewer Office is located in the Town Hall at 23 Edgemont Road. The Water & Sewer Commission meets the last Thursday of each month, unless otherwise posted. Meeting notices are posted in the Town Hall and in the Sunapee and Georges Mills Post Offices.

Other information

Water & Sewer Department Personnel: David R. Brennan – Superintendent, Jeremiah Menard – WWTP Chief Operator, Timothy Mulder – Laboratory Technician, Dave Bailey – Operator 1; Scott Campbell – Operator 2, David Montambeault – General Laborer, Holly Leonard – Office Manager

Water & Sewer Commissioners: Aaron Simpson – Chairman, Doug Mason - Vice-Chairman, Charles Smith, Ray Hudson, Stuart Caswell, Christopher Leonard, Tracy Nangeroni

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from the health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Definitions: MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. • MCLs: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. • AL: Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. • TT: Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Environmental Protection Agency requires testing of 77 different contaminants. The following test results represent the only contaminants that were of a detectable level in the Sunapee Water System.

2002 TEST RESULTS FOR
SUNAPEE, NH
SYSTEM #2271010

Abbreviations: PPT: Parts per trillion, PPB: parts per billion, ppm: parts per million or, n/a: not applicable, NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, MFL: million fibers per liter, nd: not detectable at testing limits.

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected/ Range of Detection	Unit Meas.	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform Bacteria (% positive samples)	NO	0	ppm	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in $\geq 5\%$ of compliance samples	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity	NO	.08	NTU	n/a	1 NTU	Soil runoff
Fecal Coliform and E. Coli	NO	0	ppm	0	A routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive or E. coli positive.	Human and fecal waste
Inorganic Contaminants (*)Represents 2001 Test Results						
Barium *	NO	.0114	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
Total HAA5	NO	.28	ppm	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethane	NO	.42	ppb	0	100	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Health Effects Information: Barium – Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.



Environmental Protection Agency requires testing of 77 different contaminants. The following test results represent the only contaminants that were of a detectable level in the Georges Mills Water System.

2002 TEST RESULTS FOR
GEORGES MILLS, NH
SYSTEM #2271020

Abbreviations: PPT: Parts per trillion, PPB: parts per billion, ppm: parts per million or, n/a: not applicable, NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, MFL: million fibers per liter, nd: not detectable at testing limits.

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected/ Range of Detection	Unit Meas.	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform Bacteria (% positive samples)	NO	0	ppm	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in $\geq 5\%$ of compliance samples	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E coli	NO	0	ppm	0	A routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive or E. coli positive.	Human and fecal waste
Inorganic Contaminants (*) Represents 2000 Test Results						
Barium	NO	.018	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	.53	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Health Effects Information: Barium – Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

NH Department of Environmental Services has prepared a Source Assessment Report for the sources serving this public water system. The results of the assessments are as follows. For Sunapee’s system no susceptibility factors were rated high, 4 were rated medium, and 8 were rated low. For the George’s Mills Water Works, no susceptibility factors were rated high, and 10 were rated low. The complete Assessment Report is available for inspection at the Sunapee Water & Sewer Department office located at 23 Edgemont Road. For more information, call David Brennan, Water & Sewer Superintendent, or visit NH DES’s Drinking Water Source Assessment Program web site at www.des.state.nh.us/dwspp.



WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT - 2002

As always I'd like to start by thanking the Water and Sewer Commissioners for their support and guidance in the past year, and thanks also to the Town Manager, Highway, and Police Department for all their assistance. I would also like to thank all the Georges Mills residents for their patience and cooperation during the water-main replacement project on Prospect Hill Road and Main Street. Over all, it went very well. I would also like to report that the state has received a grant to study the water quality of Perkins Pond.

Despite the regional drought in New England, Sunapee's water systems did not seem to be affected at all. The Georges Mills wells had so much water they were overflowing and we were able to help our neighbor (the town of Warner) who, due to the low water levels, could not supply their users. The Georges Mills water system has been operating very well and required very little maintenance. It processed 13,151,743 gallons of potable water, which is 541,984 gallons less than in 2001. Except for a direct lightning hit and the deeper than normal schmutzdecke (the layer of trapped matter at the surface of a slow sand filter in which a dense population of microorganisms develops) which could have been due to the drought or some other unknown activity, the slow sand filter plant is operating very nicely and processed 65,185,280 gallons of potable water, which is 6,317,943 more than last year. Along with our daily routine of plant inspections, water and wastewater sampling, upkeep and maintenance of our system, the department repaired 5 water main breaks, replaced or repaired 15 curb stops, 6 service repairs, and 17 summer water line leaks.

The wastewater treatment plant, which is always a challenge to operate due to its age and the ever-changing state and federal rules and regulations, is going through a process change in the way of an anoxic zone in our first oxidation ditch. We hope this will improve over-all plant operation and treatment. In 2002, the wastewater treatment plant treated and returned over 144 million gallons of clean water back to the river to be used again. This is 3 million less than last year. In doing so, we produced over 75 tons of sludge, which is trucked to Concord's wastewater plant, dewatered, and land applied as a fertilizer.

In the collection system, I am happy to report that the upgrades of the Garnet Street and Lake Avenue pump stations are complete and running great. The department continues its daily upkeep, maintenance, and inspections, as well as our yearly manhole repair and maintenance project, which helps reduce water inflow to our plant.

In closing, I would like to thank the Water and Sewer Department personnel for their commitment to the Town and the Department. We are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. And as always, I would like to invite all of Sunapee's citizens to tour your Water and Wastewater Plants. To arrange for a tour, or to ask questions, please call (603) 763-2115

Respectfully submitted, *David R Brennan*, Superintendent

SUNAPEE WELFARE DEPARTMENT, TOWN REPORT, FOR THE YEAR 2002

Submitted by Don Wrightington, Welfare Director

The impact of the serious economic downturn, nationally and globally, was felt in a small New England community like Sunapee, just as it was elsewhere. Food and housing are the two most significant measures of difficult financial times, and both of these categories of need loomed large for Sunapee Welfare's clients throughout the year 2002. The primary factor in this area was loss of jobs, which left many families with not only greatly reduced income, but also other types of problems.

This department provided assistance where it could, with gasoline for that burdensome task of job searching, help in dealing with the various agencies, assistance in arranging food stamps and Medicaid insurance, and in a few cases, such tasks as mock interviews and one on one help with preparing resumes. We also expended all of our funding for telephone costs, since job seekers usually run up bills higher than they can afford at the time. Much of my time was spent being sure that submitted bills were valid and connected either with the job search process, or with families medical needs.

Our Sunapee food pantry was again able to provide a considerable percentage of the nonperishable food needs for our clients, thanks to food drives and food donations by various school groups and classes, St. Joachim's Church, the Scouts, senior citizens, the Lions' Club, Sunapee Post Office personnel, and private donors. Our office staff helps by directing new food pantry users to the location of the pantry, and the simple process for using it. I spend part of my weekend hours keeping the shelves "under control".

Meanwhile, we are building new shelves in the pantry's basement location, replacing metal shelving that was more than ten years old and both weakening and rusting. The new wooden shelving will be sturdier, have a higher storage capacity, and will be safer for client use.

Largely through the kindness of resident donations, we are able to carry on two functions that bring smiles to the hearts of the children of our client families. Four children attended summer camp with at least partial funding from the "Sunapee Gift Fund," a branch of the food pantry, and our annual Toys Project was better than ever, with more youngsters involved, and more gifts donated. Laura Henault, Beth Evans, Kelly Revell, and Wendy Sisto were our "shoppers" this year, and performed an outstanding service in record time.

The Community United Methodist Church of Sunapee again provided gift certificates for dinners for both Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, with direction from its Board of Trustees. The welfare department constructed the list of family names, with major input from the schools. Elementary school nurse Mal McLaughlin did her usual fine job in preparing and tallying a family questionnaire for this project.

Our client families continue to be very involved in the federal fuel

assistance program, administered by Southwestern Community Services in Claremont. For the fourth year in a row, I have contacted all current clients in the late fall requiring that they apply for this assistance. No one can obtain fuel assistance funds from Sunapee Welfare unless they have applied and been turned down from the federal program first.

With the job-loss situation has also come the loss of family health insurance in many cases. We have been inundated by costs of both medical service and prescription drugs. Even though we are able to connect some of our clients with agencies such as the Valley Regional Hospital's Partners in Health, not everyone qualifies. We have paid out more in prescription costs this year than ever before.

As the above explanations indicated, we went slightly over budget in foods, medical needs, gasoline (at least partially due to increased costs), telephone, and director's travel. Some of the latter was for me to be able to transport people occasionally, rather than hiring transporters, and part was for me to attend trainings, including updating my knowledge of prescription drugs. Twice during the year, I halted our purchasing of such meds by challenging the prescribing doctors on the need for a specific prescription.

I certainly want to thank all those who help make this program work, from the Selectmen, to Town Manager John Wheeler, Lynne Wiggins our bookkeeper, our very efficient office worker Karen McCollough, and all the rest of those who work in our building and are always pleasant and helpful to my welfare clients.

We also continue to benefit from the efforts of other local organizations such as the Georges Mills Ladies Aid Society, the Kearsarge Council on Aging, and all of those mentioned above. Thank you all, groups and individuals, for your assistance throughout 2002.



HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

	<u>Hours</u>
37 Sub-surface Septic Test Holes and Design Reviews	133
2 Sub-division Soil and Percolation Tests	19
2 Sub-surface Leaching System Tests	14
6 Water Quality Tests	12
14 Foster or Day Care Examinations	38
1 Restaurant Health & Food Inspection	3
7 Failing or Suspected Leaking Septic Examinations	34
6 Rental Housing Examinations and Complaints	24
Total Hours	<u>277</u>

Total Hours: 277 x \$12.50 = \$3,463.50

Mileage: 524 x .20 = \$104.80

\$3,567.30

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Wiggins, Heath Officer

HYDROELECTRIC PLANT REPORT 2002

I am honored to submit my third annual report for the Town's Hydroelectric Plant. As many of you are aware, the summer of 2002 was very dry. Adding to the dryness was the lack of snowfall from the previous winter. These two conditions caused the worst year of hydroelectric power generation in the entire Northeast. As a result, even though the plant operated almost continually, electricity production ended the year at 1,289,600 kWh, with total generated revenue of \$116,064. Our contract with Public Service Company of NH, at \$.09 per kWh, continues into February 2005. Deregulation will not have any effect on this rate.

Our continued association with Granite State Hydro continues to maintain a voice and a presence in Concord and beyond.

I would like to thank Joe Adams for his continued commitment as assistant operator.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Collins, Plant Operator

HYDRO FUND RECAPITULATION

Balance as of January 1, 2002	800,921.65
Income:	
PSNH	112,838.40
Interest	9,727.67
Expenses	
Operating and Debt	38,945.42
Special Article Highway Garage	500,000.00
Balance as of December 31, 1999	<u>\$ 384,542.00</u>

By using Hydro Surplus to avoid general fund borrowing, the Hydro Fund did not earn \$373.49 interest.

INFORMATION BOOTH REPORT 2002

The Sunapee Information booth opened May 25th 2002 on Memorial Weekend for the season and closed on October 13th.

The number of visitors was down from last years count, due to an exceptionally hot summer, people just weren't taking day trips. I believe they stayed home because of the heat.

This year we had 2,669 cars, which was 351 less than last year, 6,567 people, (166 less), and 7 less calls, for a total of 229.

We would like to thank all of those who stopped by and visited with us. We look forward to seeing many more of you next year!

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Achilles, Terry Hamilton & Helen Warner

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

A new era is underway in the Executive Branch of your NH State Government, headed by Governor Craig Benson. I envision that his administration will be bringing new and innovative ideas of a modernized New Hampshire State Government, by utilizing tools of the new age of technology. This will bring enhanced services to the citizens and users of NH State Government. Through the many checks and balances of power at the State Capitol, Governor Benson will not go too slow or too fast.

I encourage citizens to contact Governor Benson and offer to serve on a Board or Commission. Each biennium, more than 300 citizens are appointed to these public Boards. The address is: State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. The phone number is: 603-271-2121. A new administration is in Concord. Let's make very sure our region is a part of the Benson era of New Hampshire! For a listing of the Boards and Commissions under the authority of the Governor and Council, please visit the Secretary of State website at: <http://webster.state.nh.us/sos/> or call my office at 271-3632.

As Councilor, I will be conducting official tours with Commissioners and Directors of State Agencies all summer and fall of 2003. If you have a special event or project you would like a certain agency to visit or focus on, please let me know. I will also be holding official summer 2003 hearings on proposed changes to the NH Ten Year Highway Plan. All Town, Counties, and Cities will be notified of this schedule of public hearings in your region. Please utilize your Regional Planning Commission as a starting point for your transportation ideas and concerns. For detailed information on the Ten Year Highway Plan, visit the Department of Transportation website: <http://webster.state.nh.us/dot/>

All citizens and public agencies should contact our NH Congressional Delegation and ask for more support from Washington, DC. New Hampshire ranks near the bottom of the list in monies returned back from the Federal budget.

For every dollar of taxation we send to Washington, we get back ONLY 71 CENTS! Let's send many lists to Senators Gregg and Sununu, and Congressmen Bass and Bradley and give them a chance to do better!

Please keep in touch with my office. I am at your service.



Raymond S. Burton ~ Executive Councilor

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2002 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The redistricting process of 2002 sure changed the political landscape in the New Hampshire House for the next ten years. We have essentially gone from 200 plus districts to 88, keeping the same number of 400 members.

Since, the two political parties could not agree, by law the NH Supreme Court was obligated to intervene and act upon this every 10-year redistricting mandate. It was unprecedented in New Hampshire history. It invariably lead the way to larger districts which has and could continue to affect the NH tradition of small town representation. Strangely enough, Sunapee and Greenland became the only single town districts in the state. There were only three districts comprised of two towns.

It sounds like a broken record, but the complex school-funding problem remains with us. This, coupled with healthcare, housing, judicial reform, and consumer issues, will lead to an interesting session. The budget process will consume much of our time. We are hearing estimates in excess of an \$80 million shortfall by the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. Coaches talk X's and O's. We talk R's and E's (revenue and expenditures).

The new governor has stated that he plans to follow the tight line when talking "R's" and "E's." It remains to be seen what kinds of issues will arise, especially if some of our agencies feel cuts or reduced funding are not commensurate with current law. Regardless, if we work together, we should make some progress.

Since the 2002 election seemingly repudiated the income and possibly the sales tax, it is doubtful that those will be options in the coming biennium. There is talk that the donor town obligation will be eradicated, which is always good campaign strategy. The statewide property tax will probably remain "King" relative to school funding. Don't be surprised if the rate isn't elevated, much depending upon whether the statewide equalized valuation increases. Despite all of the energy and effort some of us have put into opposing this unfair assessment, I look for the SWPT to remain with us.

Although, the donor town coalition is currently working on a proposal to target aid to the poorer towns, it will probably need a constitutional amendment. If that were attainable, which requires 60% of both houses, it would then need to go to the voters in 2004 with a 66 2/3% vote. If that passes, then the real problem occurs. I call it the phase #2 hurdle. The real test will be whether the towns/cities that have been receiving the huge amounts, are willing to take cuts in funding. Those communities are more likely to be the large delegation towns such as Manchester, Nashua, Hudson, Derry, and the like, who will probably not endorse it.... back to square one?

The county can be a conduit for the state to pass on costs to the local taxpayers. It behooves our county delegation to remain on top of this, as this could adversely affect every one of the 15 towns and their tax rates.

We, in Grantham and Sunapee, continue to raise the issue of inequity in county taxation. For instance, combined, our two towns pay 33% of the county budget. It is significant, indeed. The debate still centers around the fact that county assessments are based on valuation only, with no consideration for population or the usage factor. Our bill to study it was defeated by the legislature last year. It has been submitted again. The county association is also in the process of studying the issue, which is some encouragement.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Towns of Grantham and Springfield for your fine support since I first ran in 1996. Your new representatives will ably serve you. However, I remain only a phone call away if I can be of any help.

I am particularly appreciative of my home Town of Sunapee for its overwhelming support of confidence. It is a special honor because I grew up, went to school, and worked here. It is humbling to me.

Constituent service is much a part of this job. Feel free to contact me at tel. 763-9933, fax 763-5062, or email rcle@nhvt.net if I can help with any state agency. Your requests will be held in confidence.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. *Richard C. Leone*
New District #21

**SULLIVAN COUNTY DISTRICT 3
CORNISH, GRANTHAM, PLAINFIELD,
SPRINGFIELD, AND SUNAPEE**

Ladies and Gentlemen of District 3:

The second year of the Session passed very quickly and regrettably the education funding issue eluded a solution. Unfortunately, in an election year tough decisions are not made, especially if they might be unpopular. Something I have never worried about.

The BROAD BASE STATE WIDE PROPERTY TAX is still in place and there are those of us who have fought, and will continue to fight, until we rid ourselves of this onerous tax. I am very concerned that the property tax will bear an even greater burden as more costs are passed down from State government. The property tax cannot withstand all the demands that are and will be placed on it. Never forget that this tax is not based on a person's ability to pay, making it the most unfair of all. The message was loud and clear in November that the citizens do not want sales or income tax, and I agree. However, I say that the BROAD BASE STATE WIDE PROPERTY TAX should enjoy the same status. It is enough that this tax must fund our municipal and county governments.

I look forward to a productive session with a new Captain at the helm of this grand Ship of State. We were given a mandate from the people to solve the education crisis and I am confident that if we stay the course we will be well on

our way to reaching our goals. This will take a unanimous effort by the entire Legislature, Republican and Democrat, and all factions in between.

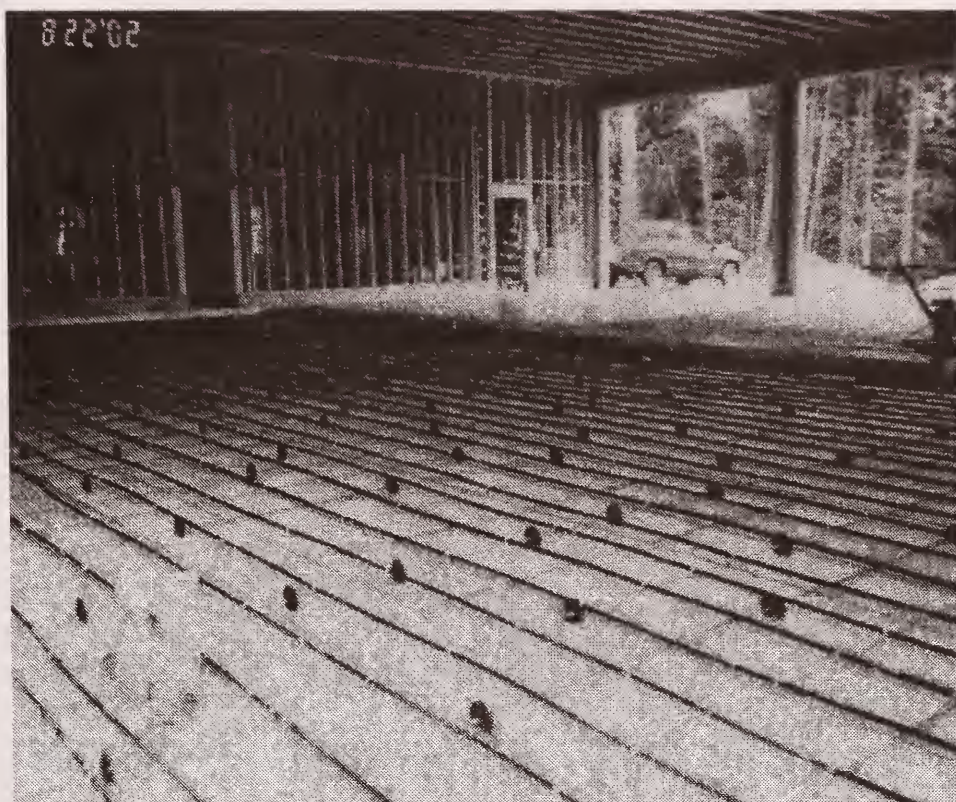
Once again, I am sitting on the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee and House Rules. Criminal Justice has over 90 bills and each one must have a public hearing. This is a very busy and interesting committee. The word is that the Legislature will have well over one thousand bills to deal with this term.

This will be my last report for District 3 and the five towns that I have represented for the past four years. My new District 19, which I share with Representative Burling, takes in the towns of Grantham, Plainfield, and Cornish. At this time I wish to thank the citizens of Springfield and Sunapee for all their past support. I will miss them. To the citizens of my new District 19, as before, I pledge to do my best to support my constituents and their needs.

As always, I welcome your input on any issue, which is of interest or concern to you. Please feel free to call or write me at 863-8395 or PO Box 975, Grantham, NH 03753

Respectfully submitted

Rep. *Connie Jones*



*The last section of flooring showing the re-rod and heating
on the New Highway Garage – August 22, 2002*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE

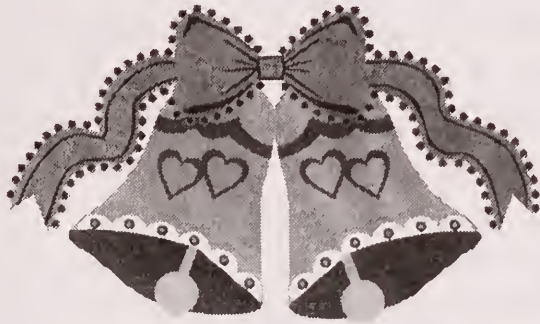
January 1 through December 31, 2002

DATE	CHILD	FATHER	MOTHER	PLACE
Jan. 8	Patrick Andrew Geary	John Geary	Heidi Geary	Claremont
Feb. 20	Isabelle Eileen Formica	Michael Formica	Siobhan O'Shea	Lebanon
March 15	Caleb Andrew Palmer	Bradley Palmer	Maria Palmer	Claremont
March 15	Alyssa Kristin Tougas	Kevin Tougas	Kristin Tougas	Lebanon
March 23	Cameron Michael Summerton	Gary Summerton	Cheryl Summerton	New London
March 29	Noah Anthony Trybulski	David Trybulski	Joanne Trybulski	New London
May 11	Cayla May Carpia	Donald Carpia	Julie Carpia	Lebanon
July 2	Morganne Bell Moses	Jeffrey Moses	Amy Moses	Concord
July 13	Amanda Hope DeMerchant	Gary DeMerchant	Wendy DeMerchant	Claremont
Aug. 2	Zachary Charles Belisle	Michael Belisle	Erica Belisle	Claremont
Sept. 25	Jackson Bradford Bemis	Matthew Bemis	Kathryn Bemis	Lebanon
Nov. 1	Sophia Jazz Haug	Trevor Haug	Natalie Haug	Sunapee
Nov. 26	Madison Shae Danforth	Blake Danforth	Abigail Danforth	Lebanon
Nov. 26	Harper Jackson Flint	Scott Flint	Katherine Flint	Lebanon
Dec. 7	Josette Marie Petrin	Rodney Petrin	Kelly Petrin	Lebanon
Dec. 11	Noell Lison Bergeron	Alan Bergeron	Cherianne Bergeron	Lebanon
Dec. 12	Christopher Thomas Brahan	Peter Brahan	Amy Brahan	Lebanon
Dec. 12	Timothy Paul White	Peter White	Terri White	Lebanon

I hereby certify the above to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Respectfully submitted, *Betty H. Ramsdott*, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE

January 1 through December 31, 2002



DATE	GROOM/BRIDE	RESIDENCE
Feb. 2	Eben Lars Sundquist Helen Elizabeth Riedel	Georges Mills Georges Mills
Feb. 16	Randolph S. Gregory Lisa J. Brooks	Sunapee Sunapee
Feb. 21	Herbert L. Hatch III Donna G. Nutter	Croydon Croydon
Feb. 23	Brian G. Stone Tamy A. Beard	Charlestown Sunapee
March 2	William John Roth III Michelle Jean Wright	Sunapee Sunapee
May 2	James Fleming Orrok, Sr. Jeanne Wilson Huff	Sunapee Sunapee
May 24	Nathan Chase Chandler Karen Michelle Batchelder	Wayland, MA So. Berwick, ME
May 27	Gary Allen DeMerchant Wendy Jeanne Harris	Canada Sunapee
June 1	Trebor Denommez Clark Melanie Meredith Green	Sunapee Sunapee
June 15	Patrick Thomas Kelley, Jr. Carolyn Marie Internicola	Worcester, MA Worcester, MA
June 21	William Bryan Clark Lauriejoy Pinkham	Sunapee Sunapee
June 22	Richard C. Mastin Teresa A. Curtis	Sunapee Sunapee
July 4	Henry Anthony Matinelli Hope Aline Baker	Sunapee Sunapee

July 12	William R. Burgett	Claremont
	Judith A. Deavers	Georges Mills
July 13	Shawn Richard Austin	Sunapee
	Vickie Lynn Young	Sunapee
July 13	Nicholas C. Lloyd	Sunapee
	Frances R. Holland	Byfield, MA
July 20	Paul Daniel Carnevale, Jr.	Sunapee
	Sharon Ann Rissala	Goshen
July 20	Joshua Maxwell Eaves	Sunapee
	Alicia Marie Scharff	Sunapee
July 20	Eric Christopher Daignault	Sunapee
	Deborah A. Fifield	Sunapee
July 27	Steven Michael Miller	Sunapee
	Deborah Jean Nichols	Sunapee
Aug. 17	Kiril Andrei Dubrovsky	Jamaica Plain, MA
	Elizabeth Dian Kanavos	Jamaica Plain, MA
Sept. 1	Andrew Scott Henderson	Malden, MA
	Julia Galaburda	Malden, MA
Sept. 7	James S. Wassell	Sunapee
	Ellen M. Croteau	Newbury
Sept. 7	Thomas R. Baron	Sunapee
	Julie A. Simmons	Sunapee
Sept. 14	Neal R. Harten	Sunapee
	Sarah S. Draper	Sunapee
Sept. 14	Bruce Edwin Healey	Newbury
	Judith Margaret Gannon	Newbury
Sept. 28	Jeffrey Alyn Boedges	Hoboken, NJ
	Meghan Elizabeth Work	Hoboken, NJ
Oct. 5	Thomas William Lear	Colorado Springs, CO
	Karen Corinne Ramstrom	Colorado Springs, CO
Oct. 5	Julius Lee De Jongh	Portsmouth, RI
	Jennee Lynn Hunt	Portsmouth, RI
Oct. 5	Evan Morgan Jones	Bellevue, WA
	Jessica Stewart O'Halloran	Bellevue, WA
Oct. 12	Earl W. Towle	Sunapee
	Tina L. Snelling	Sunapee
Oct. 12	Michael J. Hale	Sunapee
	Sandra L. Ouellette	Sunapee
Oct. 13	Jeffrey M. Downing	Sunapee
	Kathleen A. Davis	Sunapee

Oct. 13	Eleuthere Gabin Gerard Assouramou	Benin, Africa
	Mary Eileen Daschbach	Lyme
Nov. 2	Daniel E. Gelina	Sunapee
	Ashley K. Patten	Sunapee
Nov. 27	Ian V. Wagner	Sunapee
	Debra A. Ramirez	Sunapee
Dec. 15	Michael Robert Ball	Sunapee
	Xan Patricia Gallup	Sunapee

I hereby certify the above to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Respectfully submitted, *Betty H. Ramspott*, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

CROWTHER CHAPEL

The Crowther Chapel, Stagecoach Road, was deeded to the Town of Sunapee in 1988 with the stipulation it was to be maintained by the Town. Unfortunately, after an inspection by interested citizens, it was found to need immediate attention. Genelle Richards took on organizing a group to work on the restoration of the building and grounds.

An article in one of the local papers attracted a young man, Christopher Snow from Reading, Massachusetts and Sunapee, to inquire about our plans. He became so interested in the proposed project that he volunteered to assist in the restoration as an assignment to earn his Eagle Scout rank. Chris choreographed the work with such vigor and enthusiasm it inspired everyone to meet the challenge. A workday was established in September with volunteers from Chris's Scout troop, Lions Club, Sunapee High School Honor Society, Historical Society, Road Agent Tony Bergeron, the Augustine's from Dexter's Inn, and many other individuals. It was a joy to see young people working with Senior Citizens, all for a common cause.

We can NEVER show our true gratitude to the businesses and citizens for their generous donations to make this effort so successful. A printed list of the donors will be placed in the chapel for your perusal. We plan to have the chapel open, during the coming summer season each Sunday afternoon between 2:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. A docent will be on duty to answer any questions you may have regarding the history of the chapel.

Our sincere thanks go to Chris and his family for their dedication and leadership in bringing this restoration to fruition.

The chapel is a Sunapee, treasured jewel. We should be proud to have it as one of our gems.

The Crowther Chapel Committee

2002 CEMETERY REPORT

Burials

Date	Name	Cemetery	Lot
Jan. 31	Leonard M. Ufford, Jr.	New East.	70A #4
March 2	Lisa M. Gerchman	New East	86A #1
March 21	Bethany J. Sanders	New East	60B #1
March 28	Perley H. Sanborn	New East	21A #4
April 9	Mary C. Warren	New East	28B #2
April 13	Domenic E. Bonanno	New East	73B #4
July 10	Priscilla A. Doxter	New East	74B #2
July 14	Aaron C. Eaves	New East	94B #1
Aug. 17	Howard M. Pratt	New East	4B #4
Oct. 25	Dorothy M. MacWilliams	Old East Ext.	51 #2

Cremations

Date	Name	Cemetery	Lot
Jan. 8	Robert J. Lary	New East	61A #2
Jan. 29	Faye L. Teague	New East	87A #3
Feb. 9	Laura S. MacLean	Old East Ext.	69 #3
April 18	Phillip G. Osborne	Old East Ext.	91 #2
June 20	Louis P. Charon	South	63 #2
June 26	Edith C. Bradford	Georges Mills	
Nov. 12	Richard L. Collins, Sr.	New East	80B #1



October 17, 2002 New Highway Garage Finished

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE

January 1 through December 31, 2002

DATE	NAME	PLACE	MOTHER	FATHER
Jan. 11	John Edward Murray	Sunapee	Charlotte Hopkins	James Edward Murray
Jan. 29	Faye L. Teague	Sunapee	Lottie Brown	Kenneth Ellingwood
Feb. 16	Mertice H. Vetter	New London	Edith Richards	Maurice Hanks
Feb. 28	Aune Matilda Goings	Sunapee	Mary Harju	Nikola Annala
March 8	Beverly Wells Goodell	Sunapee	Elsie Marie Robbins	James Henry Wells
March 28	Perley H. Sanborn	Franklin	Alta Hardy	Perley Sanborn
April 9	Mary C. Warren	New London	Mary Young	David Crowley
April 13	Domenic E. Bonanno	Lebanon	Josephine Gentile	Salvatore Bonanno
April 18	Phillip G. Osborne	New London	Phyllis Gamsby	Robert Osborne
April 30	Edwin E. Lineberry	Lebanon	Frances Marshall	Edward Lineberry
May 31	Florence I. Rozokat	New London	Laura Viger	Fred Karr
June 17	Norman S. Hansen	New London	Ruby Justice	Norman Hansen
June 20	Louis P. Charon	Sunapee	Daisy MacDonald	Archie Charon
June 26	Edith L. Bradford	Lebanon	Florence Putney	Fred Collins
July 10	Priscilla A. Doxter	New London	Effie Gardner	Irvin Sleeper
July 14	Arron C. Eaves	Lebanon	Alicia Scharff	Joshua Eaves
Aug. 5	Mark M. Rumley	Hopkinton	Patricia Unknown	Charles Rumley
Aug. 17	Howard M. Pratt	New London	Ina Fuller	George Pratt
Sept. 22	Andrew Gordon	Sunapee	Jadwiga Galinksa	Stanislaw Gordon
Nov. 10	Mary Jane Lajoice	New London	Erma Pearson	Francis Perry

I hereby certify the above to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Respectfully submitted, *Betty H. Ramsdott*, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

Sunapee School District

Annual Report March, 2003

"The Mission of the Sunapee School District is to prepare students to be life-long learners and contributing members of society by maintaining a challenging educational program in a safe environment."



Maintaining the High
Expectations of the Sunapee Community
for Our Children.

EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION

SUNAPEE SCHOOL BOARD

Jolyon Johnson, Chairperson	Term Expires 2004
Shaun Charroll, Jr., Vice Chairperson	Term Expires 2005
Christine Stoddard	Term Expires 2003
George Curt	Term Expires 2004
Peter Titus	Term Expires 2005

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #43 OFFICERS

Christine Stoddard, Chairperson	Sunapee
Clayton Platt, Vice Chairperson	Croydon
Holly Harrison, Secretary	Newport
Anthony MacConnell, Treasurer	Newport

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moderator	Harry Gale
Clerk	Charlotte Brown
Treasurer	Alan Doherty

ADMINISTRATION

Interim Superintendent of Schools	Normand A. Tanguay
Associate Superintendent	Dr. Marilyn B. Brannigan
Special Needs Director	Catherine Reeves Coleman
Business Administrator	Paul Jamgotchian
Office Personnel	Carole Carley
	Sally Hooper
	Beth Laramie
	Lynn Oakes
	Jacquelyn Cochrane
	Krystyna Samiec
Truant Officer	David Cahill
School Nurses	Marilyn McLaughlin
	Joyce Gale-Murphy

Sunapee School Board

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Newport, NH 03773
(603) 863-3540
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To The Sunapee Community,

We thank you for the support given the Sunapee School District over the years. Recently we have renovated and significantly enlarged the Sunapee Middle High School, replaced the roof and the boiler at the Elementary School, updated technology capabilities, and added air conditioning to protect that equipment. We also acquired a key abutting property and removed both of the vacant buildings on District property. Facility maintenance has been caught up and a sound maintenance schedule has been put in place for all three buildings—the two schools and the Sherburne Gymnasium. No less important, Teacher Association contracts have been supported as have operating budgets, allowing the District to move constantly forward with a good staff and a good attitude. The support given is not taken for granted.

A long overdue renovation of the Sherburne Gymnasium is facing us now as well as acceptance of another three-year Teachers' contract. The Gym project is being promoted now because of need and because a window of opportunity financially. With a proposed decreased operating budget, a significant Facility Capital Reserve contribution and 30% of the project cost reimbursed from State Building Aid, the total school tax impact will be relatively minimal. The Teachers' Contract is a good, fair settlement that will enable our schools to retain our excellent staff and insure very capable replacements as several of our veteran teachers retire.

Looking to the future, the next major expenditures will be the renovation and probable expansion to the Elementary School, slated for 2006. Certainly, we as a Board realize facilities and equipment only take education so far. Strong community support, financial and otherwise, is the strength of a good educational process. We acknowledge and appreciate Sunapee's commitment to its schools and strive to improve our system with the minimum financial burden.

Jolyon Johnson, Chair

Christine Stoddard

Shaun Carroll, Vice Chair

Peter Titus

George Curt

Sunapee Central Elementary School
Annual Principal's Report
2002-2003

Our year began in September with the dedication of a new flag for our school. The flag had flown over the Capital Building in Washington DC to commemorate the bravery of all fire, police and EMS personnel in the country. On behalf of all of us at SCES, I would like to extend our thanks our own Sunapee fire and police departments, the town road crew, the Lions Club, Abbott Library, Sunapee Recreation Department, the New London Rotary Club and the Carnevale family for their continued support and involvement.

Much committee work has been done this year to see that Sunapee Central Elementary School offers the best programs and experiences for our students to provide them with a high quality education. I am grateful to the members for their time and commitment.

Enrichment Committee provided:

Skylab to our students with moon rocks lent by NASA through Joanne Tuxbury

Authors, David Elliott and True Kelley

Sculptor, Mark Ragonese

Theatre Integrating Guidance, Education and Responsibility group (providing

student/parent workshops and a teacher assembly)

Principal's Advisory Group:

Meets once each week to provide suggestions and ideas to the principal to enhance the school.

Foreign Language Task Force:

Is looking into the possibility of a future foreign language program

Renovation Study Committee:

Is looking into the possibility of renovations/addition to the SCES building due to our space limitations. Currently, our Media Center is being used as a library, computer lab, Title I classroom, Title I/reading specialist office, band practice room and assembly/conference room. Our speech classroom is in the elevator hallway. Every inch of space is being utilized for the services we must provide.

Volunteer Program:

Has won the Blue Ribbon Award from the NH Partners in Education Association for the 7th consecutive time.

Sunapee Parent Teacher Organization sponsored:

Playground Committee: This year some of our playground apparatus was deemed to be unsafe by our insurance carrier. This necessitated the removal of the equipment and the SPTO generously offered to purchase a large, multipurpose apparatus so that our children would have a safe, developmentally appropriate and fun area on which to play. (NOTE: the Sunapee School Board voted to match this generous donation [pending voter approval] so that our playground would be appropriately equipped.)

Parent information meetings.

- A new school sign.
- The annual Crafts Bazaar.
- Room representatives who serve as parent liaisons and help each classroom with parties and field trips.
- The Halloween Party for the entire Sunapee community.
- A variety of fundraisers.
- The Festival of Pumpkins.
- The Chowderfest
- Jump rope workshops and a presentation by Mark Rothstein

We continue to provide many activities which students and parents enjoy and have come to expect:

- Destination Imagination (previously Odyssey of the Mind)
- Winter Activity Program
- DARE - grade 5
- Nature's Classroom fundraising - grade 5
- Holiday Concert
- Spelling Bee - grades 4 and 5
- Stretch Weeks - grades 4 and 5
- First Place Robotics - grades 4 and 5
- Tech For Tots - grade 3 and preschool
- Band - grade 4 and 5

A number of programs have enabled our students to maintain and enhance their skill levels and to be provided with an excellent learning environment:

- Our after school program sponsored by Camp Coniston, managed by Val Sanborn and Leanne Towle
- Camp Invention, directed by Dan Hudkins
- Our Extended Year Summer Program run by Grace Rechisky, Brenda Brode and Kinni Doherty
- The Title I Summer Program administered by Brenda Huff and Connie Deyett

Our enrollment as of January 6, 2002 is 220 students:

Kindergarten-	32
Grade 1-	29
Grade 2-	38
Grade 3-	41
Grade 4-	31
Grade 5-	49

New members of the SCES staff this year include:

- Connie Deyett - First Grade Teacher
- Lynn Fleming - Physical Therapist
- Laura Henault - Special Education Assistant
- Megan Hunt - Part-time Librarian
- Jackie Keegan - Kindergarten Teacher
- Mary Lyman - Special Education Assistant
- Lisa Putnam - Behavioral Specialist Assistant
- Ann Sarchet - Special Education Assistant
- Joan Wamsley - Special Education Assistant
- Mary Witham - Kindergarten Assistant

This year the Sunapee staff created many handbooks to assist students, parents and staff in carrying out a myriad of school activities in the most efficient and effective way possible:

- An assistant handbook, substitute handbook and an emergency procedures flip chart were created and utilized.
- We combined, in one binder, a parent/student handbook and a student assignment book for grades 2-5. This allows students to have a consistent way of organizing their daily work and also provides, to

parents and students alike, easy access to information regarding SCES procedures and routines.

- A grade 4/5 homework booklets was developed to help parents and students handle homework most effectively.

The Power School program was implemented to create a new report card format and to track attendance and lunch count. To create a more efficient staff development system, each staff member has learned to record his/her staff development plan on a computer program called My Learning Plan. This program keeps track of the professional goals of each individual and the credits/hours/projects/activities that each person experiences throughout the recertification period. This has helped to make the recertification process more clear to staff and the record keeping more consistent.

In order to most effectively keep track of each child's needs and ensure that we strengthen the instruction of specific skills within the classroom, each grade level creates a grid each quarter which lists the students' assessment scores. With this information, the grade level teachers determine which skills need to be reinforced or retaught during the following quarter. We have also completed the math and writing curriculum maps for all grade levels. (Copies are available in the office.)

The staff developed new school-wide procedures and routines regarding playground, hallway and cafeteria use. This has created a more consistent approach for all staff and has encouraged students to take more personal responsibility for their actions.

To improve literacy by promoting reading, we have included, under Brenda Huff's direction, some school-wide initiatives such as:

- A reading mascot, "Sir Reads A Lot" who, with the help of the Abbott Library, makes developmentally appropriate book recommendations to all students.
- A Read-aloud Lunch twice a week in the cafeteria to give students an opportunity to hear a story and share their thoughts and ideas with many peers.
- A Reading Well incentive reading activity, which gives books to students to keep.

To increase communication with parents and the community:

- Each grade level teacher is currently sending home a weekly parent newsletter.
- A Unified Arts newsletter is being published monthly.
- Our web site has been updated and a monthly principal's message is published on the site.
- Friday Open Office Hour has been put into place to make it more convenient for parents and community members to meet with the principal.

And finally, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to Joanne Tuxbury, who is retiring this year from teaching after 30 years in the field, which includes her 21 years at Sunapee Central Elementary School. This school would not be what it is without her thorough involvement. She has contributed much time, knowledge and positive energy to students, staff, parents and community members. She has been a role model for the school

community and has won many accolades throughout the years, including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Elementary Science Teaching. Thank you, Joanne, for your years of exemplary service!

It continues to be a privilege to work in a district, which demonstrates, on a daily basis, its commitment to quality education and community involvement. Thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Switzer



SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This past year saw Sunapee Middle High School graduate forty-six students. Commencement exercises were held on Memorial Field at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2002. Sunapee School Board Chairperson, Dr. Jolyon Johnson, presided over the awarding of diplomas to: **Blake Gordon Baade** (*Syracuse University*), **Kelsey May Bacon** (*Maine College of Art*), **Lauryn Elizabeth Baron** (*United States Air Force*), **Jonathan David Barrett*** (*University of New Hampshire*), **Jeffrey Edward Brode Jr.*** (*University of New Hampshire*), **Eric D. Cady** (*Endicott College*), **Amanda Marie Canning*** (*University of New Hampshire*), **Paul Daniel Carnevale** (*Work*), **Paul Robert Christensen** (*Massachusetts Maritime Academy*), **Robert Forbes Dearden** (*Work*), **Anthony DiPaola Jr.** (*Hofstra University*), **Sasha René Dubreuil** (*Keene State College*), **Jessica Lynn Fernald** (*Cazenovia College*), **Preston Scott Franzen** (*University of Utah*), **Daniel Tyler Gallup*** (*University of New Hampshire*), **Troy H. Gardner** (*Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts*), **Justin S. Gonyea*** (*Massachusetts College of Art*), **Stephen John Gonyea** (*Hesser College*), **Hannah Marie Grenier**

(*St. Joseph's College*), **Christopher Curran Hanson** (*University of New Hampshire*), **Brianna Lynn Heath*** (*University of New Hampshire*), **Kyle William Hudson*** (*Boston College*), **Shanelle G. Lamery** (*Work*), **Tia Morgan Leavitt** (*Thomas College*), **Jesse Robert Lewis** (*United States Army*), **Kira Pauline Mangione** (*Undecided*), **Morgan Elizabeth Maxfield** (*Word of Life Bible Institute*), **Adam J. McKenney** (*United States Army*), **Stephanie Marie Millette** (*Polk Community College*), **Olivia Erin Mulder** (*Plymouth State College*), **Amy D. Nolen** (*Thomas College*), **Garrett Alan Noyes** (*Unity College of Maine*), **Corey Michael Oxland** (*Community Technical College-Laconia*), **Erin Marie Peirce⁺** (*University of Southern Maine*), **Keith Joseph Ricci** (*Work*), **Sharon Ann Rissala** (*Work*), **Alta Elizabeth Sanborn** (*Undecided*), **Ella C. Sanborn** (*Undecided*), **Allison Elizabeth Snider** (*Keene State College*), **Jeremy James Stocker** (*United States Air Force*), **Marcus McCune Stover** (*Utah State University*), **Tera Lynne Teets** (*Keene State College*), **Alyssa Lynn Thomas** (*Wentworth Institute of Technology*), **Sheena Lee Thomas** (*Work*), **Benjamin Taylor Trow*** (*Worcester Polytechnical Institute*), **Allison Lynn Whitcomb** (*Keene State College*).

**Member of the National Honor Society*

⁺Member of the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society

For the record, awards and scholarships presented at graduation were: **Murvin A. Bailey Award** – Anthony DiPaola; **Mickey & Doris Bishop Memorial** – Kyle Hudson; **Amanda Marie Burrill Memorial** – Allison Snider; **Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship** – Benjamin Trow; **Hank C. Carley Memorial** – Daniel Gallup; **Charles & Carl Clement Memorial** – Corey Oxland; **Community Alliance of Human Services** – Erin Peirce; **Cricenti's Market in New London** – Paul Christensen, Tia Leavitt, Marcus Stover; **Durgin & Crowell Lumber Co., Inc.** – Brianna Heath; **John M. & Della U. Emerson Scholarship** – Alyssa Thomas; **Mary Felicia Falzarano** – Blake Baade, Kelsey Bacon, Jeffrey Brode, Sasha Dubreuil, Daniel Gallup, Justin Gonyea, Kyle Hudson, Stephanie Millette, Hannah Grenier, Olivia Mulder; **Charles K. Flint Memorial** – Alta Sanborn; **Highland Farm** – Jeffrey Brode, Benjamin Trow; **Lake Sunapee Bank Citizenship Award** – Brianna Heath; **Annie G. Leone** – Garrett Noyes; **McCrillis & Eldridge Insurance** – Amanda Canning; **John P. Molloy**

Memorial – Anthony DiPaola; **Mt. Sunapee Council** – Jonathan Barrett; **New London Rotary Club** – Blake Baade, Jonathan Barrett, Amanda Canning, Anthony DiPaola, Justin Gonyea, Kyle Hudson, Stephanie Millette, Tera Teets; **Our Lady of Fatima/Immaculate Conception Women's Society Citizenship Award** – Sasha Dubreuil; **Pizza Chef of Sunapee** – Sheena Thomas; **Herb Ripley Memorial** – Kyle Hudson; **Wendell W. Rude Memorial** – Amanda Canning; **Herbert B. Sawyer Memorial** – Eric Cady; **Karen Marie Schrader Memorial** – Troy Gardner; **John Segalini Memorial** – Stephanie Millette; **David W. Sherburne Memorial** – Allison Snider; **Sugar River Savings Bank** – Brianna Heath; **Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center** – Erin Peirce; **Sullivan Family and Prospect Hill Antiques** – Corey Oxland; **Sunapee Alumni Association** – Jeffrey Brode; **Sunapee Booster Club** – Blake Baade, Jeffrey Brode, Amanda Canning, Sasha Dubreuil, Jessica Fernald, Daniel Gallup, Brianna Heath, Kyle Hudson, Olivia Mulder, Amy Nolen, Jeremy Stocker, Tera Teets, Alyssa Thomas, Benjamin Trow; **Sunapee Chapter of the National Honor Society** – *Members:* Kyle Hudson, Benjamin Trow; *Nonmembers:* Blake Baade, Hannah Grenier; **Sunapee Firemen** – Anthony DiPaola; **Steven Mendelson Memorial/Sunapee-Kearsarge Intercommunity Theatre (SKIT)** – Justin Gonyea; **Sunapee Lion's Club** – Corey Oxland, Ella Sanborn; **Sunapee Teachers Association** – Blake Baade, Jessica Fernald, Olivia Mulder, Allison Snider; **Sunapee Thrift Shop** – Hannah Grenier, Allison Snider; *Alumnus:* Norma Colby; **Tom & Judy Tuohy Memorial** – Christopher Hanson; **Ralph Meacham Memorial-United Methodist Church** – Brianna Heath, Tera Teets, Benjamin Trow; **Universal Physical Therapy** – Amanda Canning; **Herbert O. Williams Memorial** – Jonathan Barrett; **Thomas College** – Amy Nolen.

Class Day exercises were again held on Memorial Field prior to graduation. All high school students attended to witness award presentations and special recognition of our graduates. Awards presented were: **Plaque of Recognition:** Pat & Lisa Tremblay for their support of the Sunapee school system; **College Book Awards:** **Dartmouth College** – Kirsten Nelson; **Harvard University** – Emily Roberts; **Wellesley College** – Samantha Bailey; **New London Rotary: Service Above Self Award** – Amy Nolen; **Daughter's of the American Revolution (D.A.R.): Good**

Citizenship Award – Brianna Heath; **Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (H.O.B.Y.) Award** – Andrea Gosselin; **Rhode Island School of Design Art Award** – Corey Oxland; **David Cosgriff Memorial Award** – Tia Leavitt; **Academic Achievement Awards: Valedictorian** – Benjamin Trow; **Salutatorian** – Brianna Heath; **Booster Club Recognition** – key chains were distributed to graduating seniors.

"STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE "

Sunapee Middle High School continues to hold these three words as a major goal of our school. Excellence in teaching and learning, citizenship, athletics, and extra-curricular activities drives all our efforts. What is best for our students, your children? How can we best prepare them to be successful in today's society?

Schools are about "kids" and our "kids" continue to excel academically and personally. Special **Congratulations** go to the **Class of 2004** who placed academically **Fourth in the State of New Hampshire**, out of seventy-six high schools, on the state assessment test known as NHEIAP. I am pleased to tell you that our scores for students in grade six exceed the state averages in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies, the four curricular areas tested.

Other highlights for our students are the extra-curricular successes beyond the athletic fields. Destination Imagination continues to be very successful under the tutelage of Mrs. McCabe and Mr. Baker. Harvard Model Congress and NH Bar Association Mock Trial teams both continue to be popular under the advisorship of Mrs. Spencer. Math teams, in both the middle and high school, competed against both private and larger public schools. They consistently show very well in the competitions under Mr. Grenier's and Ms. Bronder's guidance.

Athletically, our middle school sports program is back and experiencing excellent support from the students and parents. Athletic programs are an important part of the total program and development of our students. We have a strong coaching staff, led by **Athletic Director Paul Gallup**, who focus' on sportsmanship,

teamwork, dedication and perseverance above all else. Winning seasons will happen when our athletes exhibit these traits.

We are very proud to announce that **Dan Hudkins** was selected as the **New Hampshire Technology Director of The Year for 2002**. This is a well deserved honor. All of us within the schools recognize the positive impact Dan has had on instruction through technology. He has been a "mover and a shaker" in Sunapee and at the state level. Over the past few years Dan has brought several hundred thousand dollars of revenue into our schools through his grant writing expertise. We now currently have four staff members at Sunapee Middle High School who have been recognized as Teacher of the Year in New Hampshire. This certainly speaks well of the high quality staff serving our children.

This fall we welcomed three new teachers, a new nurse, two new teacher aides, and a Title I teacher to our staff. Each of these people, except the Title I teacher, replaced someone who left us. **Lisa Scott-MacNeil** has taken charge of the Spanish program. She comes to us from Connecticut with a love for Spanish that we see being instilled in our students. **Joe Palamara** joined our staff as a special education case manager and behavioral specialist. Joe comes to us from Lansing, MI, with strong skills in teaching students with learning disabilities and behavioral issues. **Joyce Murphy-Gale** has assumed the nursing duties full time. She replaces Marilyn Sherman who resigned. **Phyllis Sladen** and **Scott Unsworth** have signed on as teaching assistants replacing two people who left at the end of last year. **Melissa Clark '92** has filled the new secretarial position in the office. Her addition to the staff has greatly increased our efficiency.

I would like to thank all those community members, parents, students and teachers who continually support all our efforts here at Sunapee Middle High School. Your support is what makes this school and community special. On behalf of the staff, I pledge to you that we will all continue to "**Strive for Excellence**" for the children and community of Sunapee.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Witham

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Principal

SUNAPEE DISTRICT PERSONNEL

SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION	DEGREE	YRS IN ED	YEARS IN SUNAPEE
Thomas Witham	Principal	Salem State College	M.Ed.	34	5
Holly Norton	Assistant Principal	Bowling Green State Univ.	M.Ed.	19	4
Gail G. Baade	Spanish/Art	University of Mexico	MA	28	9
Brent Baker	MS Science	St. Lawrence University	BA	7	7
David Barry	Physical Education	Plymouth State	BS	32	32
Ronald Beaudet	Mathematics	Keene State College	BS	28	28
Nancy Bronder	Mathematics	Antioch/NE University	M.Ed.	7	2
Richard Byrne	English	Webster College	MA	4	11
Sharon Christie	Home Economics	U. Mass.-Amherst	BS	12	4
Thomas Coverdale	English	Plymouth State	M.Ed.	17	2
John Dargie	Science	Plymouth State	MS	35	29
Laura Davis	French	University of NH	MA	32.5	32
Paul Gallup	Athletic Director	Plymouth State	BS	3	3
John Gosselin	Industrial Arts	Keene State College	BS	27	27
Karen Gosselin	Business Education	Plymouth State	BS	27	27
Betty May Graham	Special Education	Lesley College	MS	30	3
James Grenier	Mathematics/Physics	Worcester Poly Tech.	MS	27	22
Sandra Guest	Librarian/Elem/MHS	University of Pittsburgh	MLS	25	23
Linda Houston	Special Education	Plymouth State College	BS	23	4
Jack Iacopino	Science	University of NH	BS	6	7
Laura Kessler	Social Studies	Notre Dame College	MA	11	9
Corinne Levasseur	Middle School	Keene State College	BS	9	9
Lisa Scott-MacNeil	Spanish	Sacred Heart University	MA	2	1
Patricia McCabe	Social Studies	Keene State College	M.Ed.	17	17
Joseph D. Palamara	Special Education	Eastern Michigan Univ.	BA	9	1
Janice M. Porter	English	University of NH	BA	10	7
Alan Peterson	Music/Elem/MHS	University of NH	BS	28	27
Ellen Pysz	Middle School	Antioch/NE University	MA	34	33
Meagan Reed	Social Studies	University of N. Carolina	BS	5	5
Donald Roberts	Guidance	Western State College	MA	28	19
Alan Shulman	Special Education	Rivier College	M.Ed.	12	4
Marcia Spencer	Social Studies	Yale University	MA	28	7
Katherine Scoppettone	Guidance	Plymouth State College	M.Ed.	4	2

SUNAPEE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Karen Switzer	Principal	Plymouth State College	M.Ed.	26	3
Susan Bass	Art	University Southern Maine	BA	3	3
Muriel Bergeron	Grade 2	Antioch/NE University	M.Ed.	15	13
Valerie Blachly	Special Education	New England College	BS	12	4
Brenda Brode	Guidance	Keene State College	M.Ed.	4	3
Charlotte Carlson	Grade 2	University of S. Maine	MS	32	32
Bonnie Cruz	Physical Education	Springfield College	BS	10	7
Connie L. Deyette	Grade 1	Univ. of New Hampshire	MA	4	1
Margaret Hunt	Librarian	New England College	BA	9	1
Marianne Doherty	Special Education	Antioch/NE Univer/CLL	M.Ed.	16	16
Anna Duke	Grade 5	Plymouth State	B.Ed.	41	41
Brenda Huff	Grade 1	University of NH	M.Ed.	30	20

SUNAPEE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION	DEGREE	YRS IN ED	YRS IN SUNAPEE
Stephanie Hubert	Special Education	Keene State College	BS	8	4
Jacqueline F. Keegan	Kindergarten	University of Bridgeport	MA	1	1
Michael Kennedy	Grade 3	Keene State College	BS	25	24
Pamela Larpenter	Grade 3	University of NH	BS	18	15
Grace Rechisky	Kindergarten	Antioch/NE University	M.Ed.	18	15
Cheryl Roberts	Grade 4	Antioch/NE University	M.Ed.	21	19
Deborah L. Shapiro	Kindergarten	Colby Saywer College	BS	7	6
Joanne Skarin	Grade 5	Notre Dame	M.Ed.	16	13
Joanne Tuxbury	Grade 4	Keene State College	M.Ed.	33	26
David Chaves	Chorus Director				

NURSES

Joyce Murphy-Gale	Middle High School
Marilyn McLaughlin	Elementary School

BUS DRIVERS

Martha Hill	Robert Spiwak
Christie Hutchinson	Robert Mills
William Roth	

SECRETARIES

Joan Chandler	Elementary School
Kathryn Ward	Elementary School
Darlene Morse	Middle High School
Sandra Webb	Middle High School
Melissa Clarke	Middle High School

TITLE 1 PERSONNEL

Elizabeth Halverson	Nancy Witherspoon
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CUSTODIANS

Robert Abraham	Middle High School
Roland Akkola	Elementary
Ernest Colby	Middle High School
Robert Mills	Middle High School
Doug Mac Williams	Elementary
Kenneth Nutting	Middle High School
William Royce	Elementary
William Roth	Bldg/Trans Supervisor

RELATED SERVICES

Daniel Hudkins	Technology Coordinator
Barbara Lague	Speech Language Pathologist
Kandra Palmer	Certified Occupational Therapy Asst.
Joseph Rapalje	School Psychologist
Debra Ann Wagner	Computer Technician

FOOD SERVICE

Valerie Sanborn	Director
Alona Drew	HS/Elementary
Sarah Lawrence	Elementary
Pamela Quimby	Elementary
Sandra Richardson	High School

SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Deborah Allen	Sandra Byrne
Lynn Brewer	Jean Chandler
Janet Cain	Jeanne Circosta
Stephen Denis	Annette Dodge
Kathleen Dyhkeman	Deborah Fifield
Sue Hamel	Laura Henault
Mary Lyman	Barbara Mason
Lisa Putnam	Ann Sarchet
Laurie Schmidt	Barbara Simeone
Phylis Sladen	Pam Stocker
Leanne Towle	Donnalee Thomas
Elizabeth Trainor	Scott Unsworth
Donna Van Den Berg	Joan Wamsley
Mary Witham	

AIDES

Patricia Adams	Library
Peggy Ricketts	Library
Tammy Hamel	Instructional Assistant

**Sunapee School District
Staffing Information
October 1, 2002**

STAFFING 09/04/2001 10/01/2002
MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

Classroom Teachers	25	25
(Includes music, band, chorus, art, & phys. Ed.)		
Guidance	1.5	1.5
Library and Assistant	1.5	2
Nurse	1	1
Special Education Teachers	3	3
Reading/Title1 and Assistants	1	1
Athletic Director	0.5	0.5
Secretaries	2	3
Administrators	2	2
Sub Total	37.5	39

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Classroom Teachers	16	16
(Includes music, band, chorus, art, & phys. Ed.)		
Classroom Assistants	2	2
Guidance	1	1
Library and Assistant	1.5	1.5
Nurse	1	1
Special Education Teachers	4	4
Reading/Title1 and Assistants	3	3
Secretaries	2	2
Administrators	1	1
Sub Total	31.5	31.5

Technology Staff	1.5	1.5
Special Educating Assistants	23	29
Special Educating Specialists	3	3
Psychologist (4 days a week)	1	1
Custodian/Bus Coordinator	1	1
Custodians	7	7
Bus Drivers	5	5
Food Service	5	5
Sub Total	46.5	52.5

TOTAL STAFF	115.5	123
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SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ENROLLMENT 10/01/2002

ENROLLMENT

Average Class

Special

School

Grade

09/01/2001

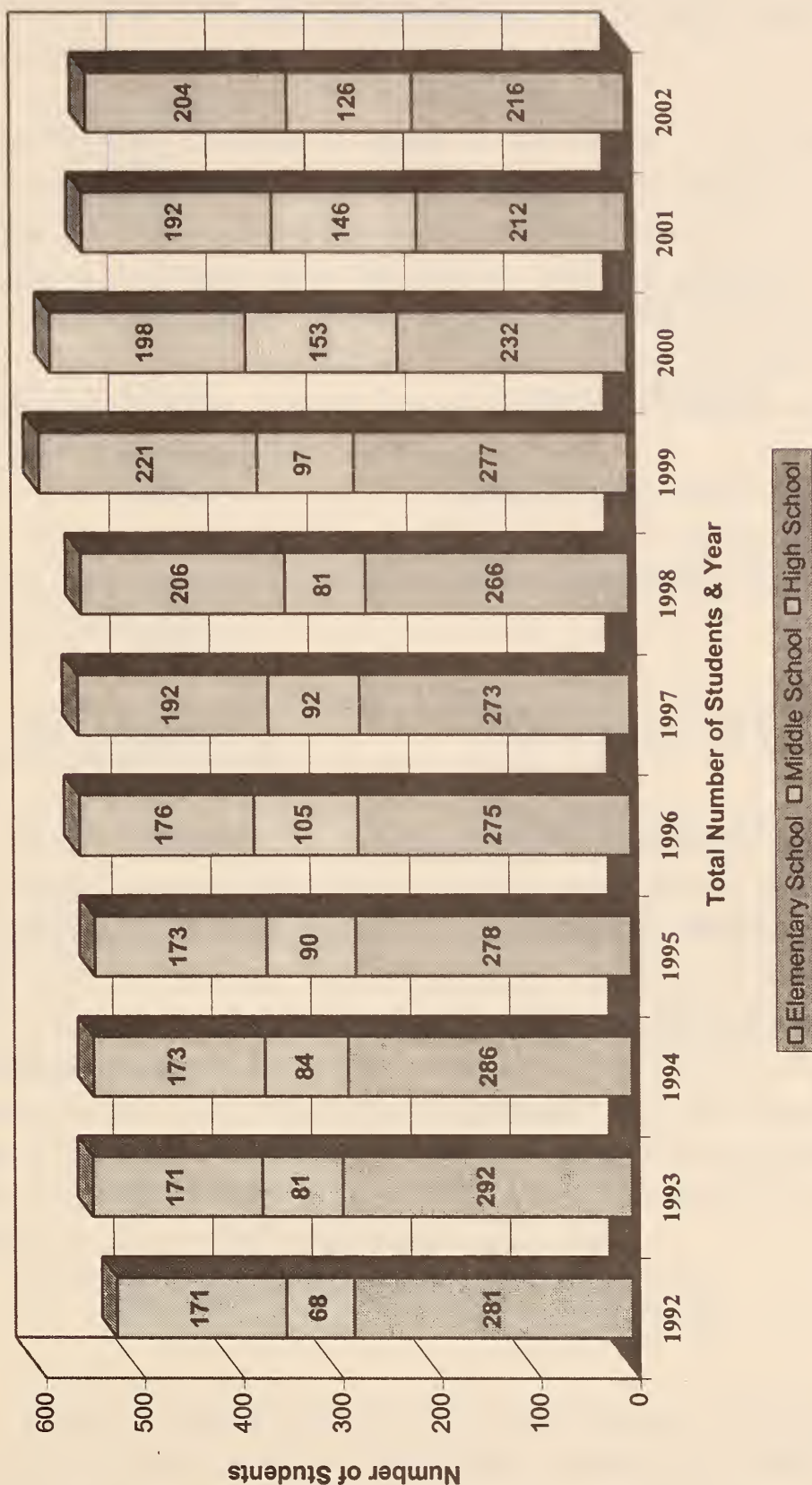
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Size

Ed.

Elementary School	Kindergarten	30	31		
	1	36	29		
	2	39	38		
	3	27	40		
	4	45	30		
	5	35	48	17	24
Sub Total		212	216		
Middle School	6	47	35		
	7	42	47		
	8	57	44	21	21
Sub Total		146	126		
High School	9	51	66		
	10	50	55		
	11	44	42		
	12	47	41	17	34
Sub Total		192	204		
Total number of students		550	546		79

Student Enrollment for 11 years



**Sunapee School District
Statement of Bonded Debt
As of June 30, 2002**

	<u>Middle/High School Addition</u>
Date of Issue	July 15, 1997
Original Amount	\$4,054,000.00
Annual Maturity Date	August 1
Interest Payable	February 1 August 1
First Payment Date	August 1, 1998
Final Payment Date	August 1, 2012
Annual Principal	\$270,000.00
Amount Outstanding June 30, 2002	\$2,970,000.00

**SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
2003 ANNUAL MEETING**

To the inhabitants of the School District of the town of Sunapee qualified to vote upon District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium located on Route 11, in said Sunapee, New Hampshire on Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at 7 PM for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting, to deliberate upon the articles, and to meet again at the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium located on Route 11 in said Sunapee, New Hampshire on Tuesday March 11, 2003 between the hours of 8 am and 7 pm for the second session of the Annual School District Meeting, to vote by ballot upon the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator, clerk, and treasurer for the ensuing year and to choose one member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers heretofore chosen.
3. Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$7,046,757? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$7,033,561, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustment required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:12, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.
(School Board & BAC recommends approval)
Tax impact (.72)
4. Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000 to renovate the Sherburne Gym; furthermore, authorize the withdrawal of \$133,885.25 from the School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose to offset the cost and to authorize the school

board to take all other necessary actions in connection therewith? The total dollars to be raised by taxes would be \$416,114.25. (The School Board anticipates receiving state building aid equal to 30% of the principal over five years.)

(School Board & BAC recommends approval)

Tax impact .88

5. Shall the District approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Sunapee School Board and the Sunapee Teachers Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits directly related to salaries totaling:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2003-04	\$ 107,949.00
2004-05	\$ 92,437.00
2005-06	\$ 112,272.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,949 for the 2003-04 school year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year?

(School Board recommends approval, BAC does not approve)

Tax impact .25

6. Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for a tractor replacement?

(School Board & BAC recommends approval)

Tax impact .02

7. Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) for the replacement of a pickup truck?

(School Board & BAC recommends approval)

Tax impact .03

8. Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-two thousand dollars \$62,000 for a replacement

bus?

(School Board recommends approval, BAC does not
approve)

Tax impact .14

9. Shall the Sunapee School District raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to provide professional program and structural analysis, design options, land survey and related expenses, in preparation for the renovation/expansion of the Sunapee Central Elementary School which is proposed in the District Capital Improvement Plan?

(School Board & BAC recommends approval)

Tax impact .07

10. Shall the School District raise and appropriate \$35,000 for playground equipment, including installation; \$17,500 of this appropriation to be funded by a contribution from the Sunapee School PTO, with the balance of the \$17,500 to be raised by taxation?

(School Board & BAC recommends approval)

Tax impact .04

11. Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the school district Special Education Trust Fund previously established, with such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2003?

(School Board & BAC recommends approval)

No Tax impact

12. Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and place said funds into the School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund? (A vote at an annual school district meeting is required in order to spend any funds from this Capital Reserve Fund.)

(School Board & BAC recommends approval) Tax impact .12

13. Shall the Sunapee School District accept the provisions of RSA 194-C providing for the withdrawal from a school administrative unit involving the school districts of Newport, Croydon and Sunapee in accordance with the provisions of the

proposed

plan?

Yes _____

No _____

14. In the event that Article 13 (withdrawal of Sunapee from SAU #43) is adopted, shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,630 to pay for superintendent, consulting, other services and supplies to establish the new school administrative unit?

(School Board & BAC recommends approval)

Tax impact .14

15. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 27 day of January 2003.

Dr. Jolyon Johnson, Chair

Shaun Carroll, Jr., V. Chair

Christine Stoddard

Peter Titus

George Curt

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Sunapee School District Clerk

Charlotte Brown

SAU 43
FISCAL YEAR 2004 ADOPTED BUDGET

	<u>ACTUAL</u> July 2000 to June 2001 <u>FY 01</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> July 2001 to June 2002 <u>FY 02</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> Board Adopted July 2002 to June 2003 <u>FY 03</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> Board Adopted July 2003 to June 2004 <u>FY 04</u>
<u>Appropriations</u>				
Wages	378,086	366,133	407,535	458,055
Employee Benefits	134,700	110,190	154,828	175,535
Purchased Services	7,790	52,429	7,000	27,000
Purchased Property Serv	55,511	36,080	37,695	36,802
Other Purchased Serv	17,218	15,569	19,500	15,568
Supplies	9,649	15,349	16,700	18,043
Property	4,357	2,420	2,500	15,000
Dues & Fees	2,860	4,719	10,000	4,719
Total Appropriations	610,171	602,889	655,758	750,722
<u>Revenues</u>				
District Assessments	545,682	579,115	624,358	708,817
Indirect Revenue		20,387		11,000
Interest Income	230	199	400	200
Other Local Revenue		5,392		
Title I Revenue		16,375		16,000
Co-Pay Insurance	9,731	9,471	4,000	14,706
Other Misc. Revenues	32,411	47,383	27,000	
Total Revenues	588,054	678,322	655,758	750,723
<u>Allocations</u>				
Croydon 3.373%	16,468	17,252	20,464	23,913
Newport 50.355%	262,551	299,041	310,431	356,928
Sunapee 46.271%	246,663	262,822	294,263	327,976
Total allocations	525,682	579,115	625,158	708,817

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET PROPOSAL - EXPENDITURES		ACTUAL July 1999 to June 2000 FY 00	ACTUAL July 2000 to June 2001 FY 01	ACTUAL July 2001 to June 2002 FY 02	BUDGET July 2002 to June 2003 FY 03	BUDGET Board Approved FY 04	Budget Variance FY03 to FY04
ed cat	Description						
11000 Regular Education							
	Wages Teachers	1,522,451	1,571,293	1,565,592	1,727,168	1,655,047	-72,121
	Wages Aides	36,857	26,635	27,843	25,556	40,454	14,898
	Wages substitutes	24,598	23,420	44,590	43,500	43,500	0
	Employee Benefits	476,014	496,651	554,213	685,547	581,298	-104,248
	Purchased Services	16,415	11,864	34,149	32,846	32,846	0
	Supplies & Texts	106,985	96,378	108,872	116,510	127,675	11,165
	Property	11,479	11,291	14,136	11,680	11,307	-373
	Total 11000 ACCTS	2,194,798	2,237,533	2,349,395	2,642,807	2,492,127	-150,679
12100 Special Education							
	Wages Teachers	203,674	264,563	316,529	296,403	264,356	-32,047
	Wages Aides	247,780	266,324	261,674	315,481	358,762	43,281
	Wages Bus Driver	630	8,650	8,802	10,390	10,629	239
	Wages substitutes	8,840	11,018	19,826	8,450	8,450	0
	Employee Benefits	171,326	220,734	300,836	376,924	320,470	-56,455
	Purchased Services	6,375	1,991	44,186	31,200	32,000	800
	Tuition	143,230	291,878	209,958	203,500	150,398	-53,102
	Supplies & Texts	4,774	2,942	7,095	10,356	9,112	-1,244
	Property	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	0
	Total 12100 ACCTS	786,628	1,068,099	1,168,905	1,254,704	1,156,177	-98,528
12200 Related Services							
	Wages Teachers	148,968	161,672	180,186	160,444	120,647	-39,797

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET PROPOSAL - EXPENDITURES		ACTUAL July 1999 to June 2000 FY 00	ACTUAL July 2000 to June 2001 FY 01	ACTUAL July 2001 to June 2002 FY 02	BUDGET July 2002 to June 2003 FY 03	BUDGET Board Approved FY 04	Budget Variance FY03 to FY04
ed cat	Education Code Description						
	Wages Aides	4,568	0	0	0	0	0
	Employee Benefits	41,403	49,746	50,469	70,211	48,823	-21,387
	Purchased Services	18,870	7,374	1,402	17,000	25,000	8,000
	Supplies & Texts	1,745	2,231	493	3,256	1,974	-1,282
	Property	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total 12200 ACCTS	215,554	221,023	232,549	250,911	196,444	-54,467
13000	Vocational Education						
	Wages Bus Driver	10,380	12,988	16,774	11,627	11,976	349
	Employee Benefits	6,753	10,515	1,283	15,908	916	-14,992
	Tuition	8,459	13,587	7,801	17,175	17,175	0
	Total 13000 ACCTS	25,592	37,089	25,858	44,710	30,067	-14,643
14000	Cocurricular Activities						
	Wages School Activities	19,764	14,503	15,681	21,145	22,045	900
	Wages Athletics	49,675	36,153	48,520	55,689	55,689	0
	Employee Benefits	5,615	4,137	5,017	7,592	6,047	-1,545
	Purchased Services	10,050	13,252	24,865	23,200	28,800	5,600
	Supplies & Texts	3,883	5,036	9,947	13,450	15,200	1,750
	Athletic supplies	27,082	12,936	24,161	21,850	22,850	1,000
	Property	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total 14000 ACCTS	116,069	86,017	128,190	142,926	150,631	7,705
21200	Guidance						
	Wages Counselors	90,652	80,444	103,247	110,645	110,645	1

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ed cat	Description						
	Employee Benefits	11,974	11,204	11,673	30,602	31,413	811
	Supplies & Texts	4,047	5,358	9,512	17,372	14,021	-3,351
	Property	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total 21200 ACCTS	106,672	97,007	124,432	158,618	156,079	-2,540
	21300 Health Services						
	Wages Nurses	62,098	66,250	67,789	70,400	72,467	2,067
	Employee Benefits	15,901	18,307	14,439	25,984	31,828	5,844
	Purchased Services	146	143	287	385	835	450
	Supplies & Texts	1,899	2,244	2,221	2,750	2,850	100
	Property	0	0	306	0	0	0
	Total 21300 ACCTS	80,044	86,944	85,042	99,519	107,980	8,461
	22130 Support Services						
	Wages Substitutes	2,845	1,063	598	2,600	2,600	0
	Employee Benefits	218	81	46	199	199	0
	Professional Development	11,209	11,017	14,143	23,450	29,500	6,050
	Curriculum Development	2,069	4,459	1,100	6,000	6,000	0
	Total 22130 ACCTS	16,340	16,621	15,886	32,249	38,299	6,050
	22200 Media Services						
	Wages Librarian	48,536	49,289	50,304	73,488	72,888	-599
	Wages Aides	24,511	29,214	28,739	27,968	28,807	839
	Employee Benefits	22,585	25,994	27,358	44,848	50,006	5,158

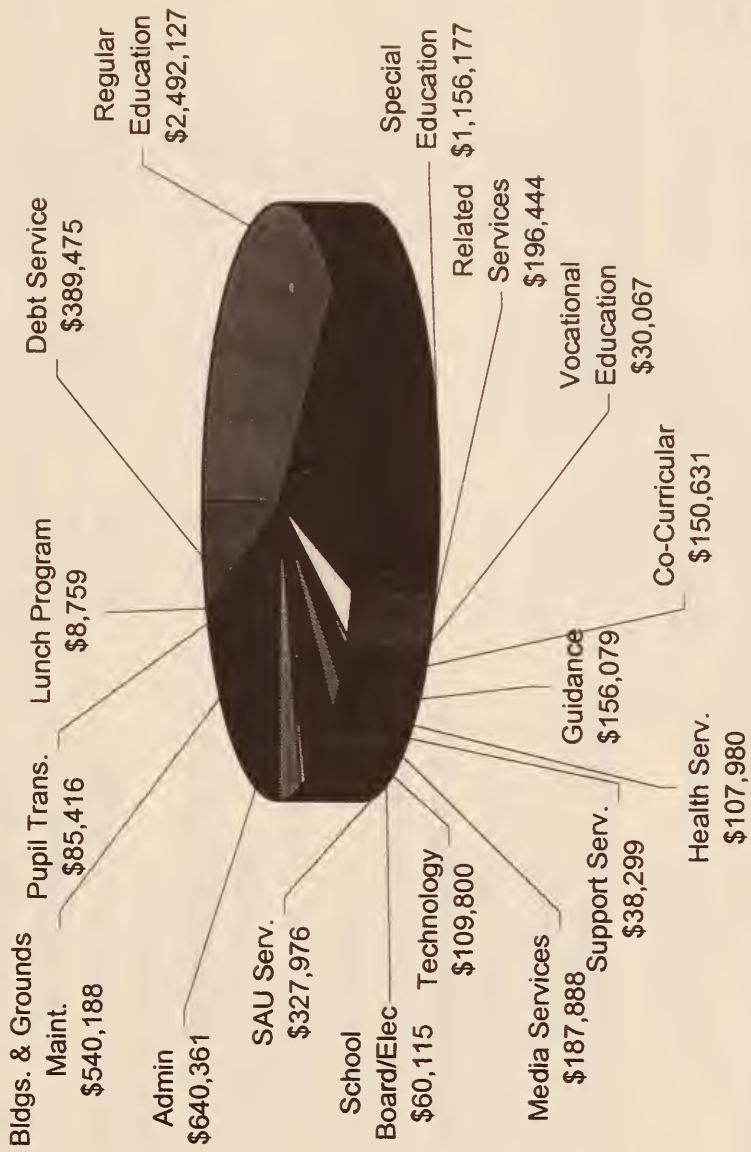
SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	Budget
BUDGET PROPOSAL - EXPENDITURES		July 1999 to	July 2000 to	July 2001 to	July 2002 to	Board	Variance
ed cat	Education Code Description	June 2000	June 2001	June 2002	June 2003	Approved	FY03 to
		FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY04
	Purchased Services	800	1,967	1,127	2,775	3,575	800
	Supplies	4,472	5,460	6,223	8,500	8,500	0
	Books & Periodicals	8,327	5,088	13,600	16,794	17,281	487
	Property	1,187	834	14,217	14,858	6,830	-8,028
	Total 22200 ACCTS	110,419	117,844	141,567	189,231	187,888	-1,344
22250 Technology	Conferences Technology	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	0
	Purchased Services	5,203	11,867	10,182	11,000	8,000	-3,000
	Supplies	10,163	26,738	34,118	44,000	54,500	10,500
	Property	3,505	-27	94,292	47,500	46,300	-1,200
	Total 22250 ACCTS	18,871	38,578	138,592	103,500	109,800	6,300
23100 School Board/Elections	Wages	4,675	4,735	5,130	6,815	11,815	5,000
	Employee Benefits	9	0	108	156	0	-156
	Purchased Services	24,873	35,318	22,267	40,500	40,500	0
	Supplies	5,629	6,027	5,673	5,000	5,000	0
	Dues & Fees	200	0	3,360	2,800	2,800	0
	Total 23100 ACCTS	35,386	46,080	36,538	55,271	60,115	4,844
23210 SAU Services	SAU Allocation	223,420	246,663	262,825	293,885	327,976	34,090
	Total 23210 ACCTS	223,420	246,663	262,825	293,885	327,976	34,090

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ed cat	Description						
24100 Office of the Principal							
	Wages Principals	170,769	181,681	187,070	194,553	200,390	5,837
	Wages Clerical	65,965	72,621	73,838	108,994	110,364	1,370
	Pay Equalization	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Computer Coordinator	35,000	42,500	64,904	63,378	65,279	1,902
	Athletic Director	31,465	32,245	33,048	34,370	35,401	1,031
	Employee Benefits	87,247	88,498	126,058	160,751	174,026	13,275
	Purchased Services	29,369	22,621	21,374	33,740	34,491	751
	Supplies	5,037	5,685	8,696	11,500	11,900	400
	Property	0	2,371	1,000	250	0	-250
	Dues & Fees	6,146	6,198	5,553	8,650	8,510	-140
	Total 24100 ACCTS	430,998	454,419	521,542	616,185	640,361	24,175
26000 Buildings & Grounds Maint. & Repairs							
	Wages Custodians	142,704	153,209	158,168	170,427	175,283	4,856
	Employee Benefits	37,494	43,745	69,103	95,601	67,880	-27,721
	Purchased Services	36,403	36,280	44,801	47,125	49,625	2,500
	Purchased Property Services	29,008	40,134	49,060	75,370	67,400	-7,970
	Supplies	145,507	174,100	163,885	165,500	170,000	4,500
	Property	0	0	6,436	0	6,000	6,000
	Contingency	0	0	1,443	2,000	4,000	2,000
	Total 26000 ACCTS	391,116	447,467	492,896	556,023	540,188	-15,835

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET PROPOSAL - EXPENDITURES							Budget Variance FY03 to FY04
ed cat	Education Code	Description	ACTUAL July 1999 to June 2000 FY 00	ACTUAL July 2000 to June 2001 FY 01	ACTUAL July 2001 to June 2002 FY 02	BUDGET July 2002 to June 2003 FY 03	BUDGET Board Approved FY 04
		Food Service	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	187,890
		Federal Programs	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	181,086
Sub Total			5,516,593	5,944,975	6,469,824	7,179,898	7,046,757
							-133,141
45000 Warrant articles			87,988	237,124	338,269	123,000	900,079
							777,079
Total Budget			5,604,581	6,182,099	6,808,093	7,302,898	7,946,836
							643,938

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ed cat	Description						
	Food Service	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	187,890	12,890
	Federal Programs	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	181,086	131,086
Sub Total		5,516,593	5,944,975	6,469,824	7,179,898	7,046,757	-133,141
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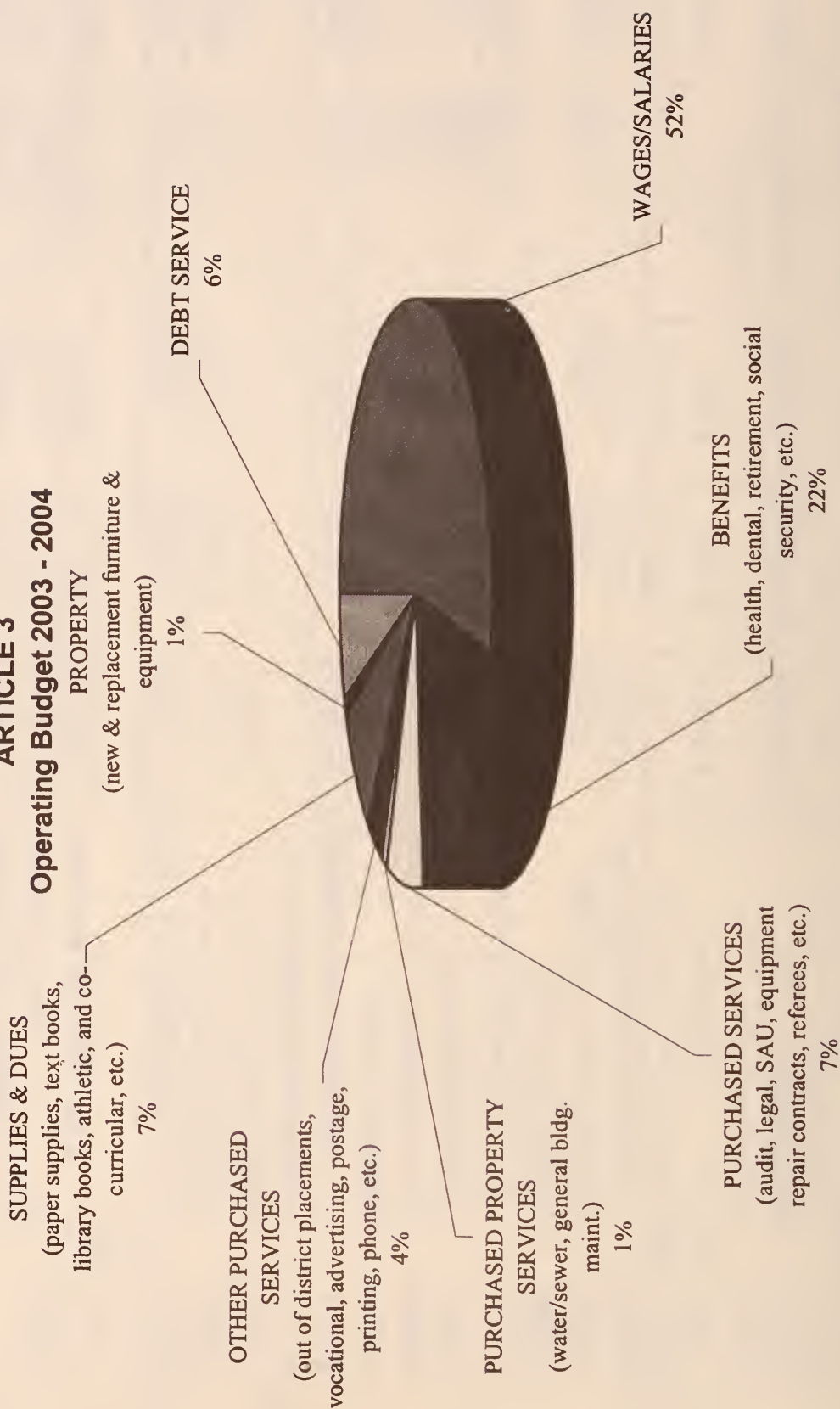
SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ARTICLE 3
Operating Budget 2003-2004



SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET PROPOSAL REVENUES					ACTUAL July 1999 to June 2000 FY 00	ACTUAL July 2000 to June 2001 FY 01	ACTUAL July 2001 to June 2002 FY 02	BUDGET Voter Approved July 2002 to June 2003 FY 03	BUDGET Board Approved FY 04
acct	acct	sort	Description						
Local	01311	1	Tuition - Parents	7,927	14,276	13,241	13,000	37,748	
	01320	1	Tuition - NH LEA	195,651	261,913	252,856	240,000	247,695	
	01322	1	SPED Tuition - NH LEA	34,000	36,013	27,567	30,000	30,000	
	01342	1	Other SPED Reimbursements						
	01510	1	Earnings on Investments	17,098	13,887				
	01800	1	Buildings Rentals						
	01920	1	Contributions Private Sources		2,700				
	01990	1	Other Local Revenue	13,667	5,120	825	5,000	5,000	
	01080	1	Workers Comp Refund	10,143		10,034	10,000	10,000	
	01991	0	Sale of Modular						
	01991	1	Co-Pay Insurance Income	48,095	53,456	75,543	62,500	62,500	
LOCAL REVENUES				326,580	387,366	380,067	360,500	392,943	
State	03800	1	State Adequate Education Tax	2,155,513	2,155,513	2,235,660	2,378,778	2,378,778	
	03120	1	Shared Revenues						
	03210	1	Building Aid - State	81,520	81,520	81,520	81,520	114,520	
	03220	1	Kindergarten Aid - State						
	03230	1	Catastrophic Aid - State				25,551	25,551	

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET PROPOSAL		ACTUAL July 1999 to June 2000 FY 00	ACTUAL July 2000 to June 2001 FY 01	ACTUAL July 2001 to June 2002 FY 02	BUDGET Voter Approved July 2002 to June 2003 FY 03	BUDGET Board Approved FY 04
REVENUES						
acct	acct sort	Description				
03240	1	Vocational Aid - State				
03270	1	Drivers Education - State				
03290	1	Other State Grants				
STATE REVENUES		2,246,033	2,244,833	2,328,730	2,497,849	2,530,849
Fed	04580	92,870	50,871	32,244	30,000	30,000
	04580	175,000	175,000	185,894	175,000	187,890
	04580		50,000	87,982	50,000	181,086
FEDERAL REVENUES		267,870	275,871	306,120	255,000	398,976
Other		1 Bond/Notes Principal				
	04580	1 Fund Balance				
	05251	1 Trans from Cap Reserve				
OTHER REVENUES		0	32,814	1,740	0	133,885
Total Non Tax Revenues		2,840,482	2,940,884	3,016,657	3,113,349	3,456,653
1	01111	Tax assessment				
TOTAL REVENUES		5,614,329	6,272,237	6,888,837	7,302,898	7,946,836

**SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ARTICLE 3
Operating Budget 2003 - 2004**



**SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXPLANATION OF BUDGET VARIANCE
FY 2002 BUDGET TO FY 2003 BUDGET**

Wages/Salaries

Two teachers are retiring and will be replaced with teachers reducing the salary line by about \$31,000. Eliminated a part-time psychologist at the elementary school and eliminated the pay equalization pool. There is also a 3% increase pool for non-Teacher union employees.

-65,433

Benefits

Health was estimated at 30% for Jul "02" to Jun "03" due to the anticipated insurance climate and current usage. The actual benefit realized for 6 months was a decrease of .6%, and an estimated increase for 6 months of 10%. The co-pay was also increased for all employees and will be effective for the teachers should the contract be accepted. This created decrease from last years budget.

-202,925

Purchased Services

SAU increase, consisting of wages, related benefits, and computer upgrade 34,090
Increase to professional services to cover cost required for Special education. 7,650
Increased costs for outside officials as reflected in FY2002 actual. 5,600

47,340

Purchased Property Service

Special Projects - Elem

2nd phase of carpet replacement level funded from 1st phase at \$13,000.

2nd phase of exterior painting completed in FY2003.

Special Projects - MHS

-12,370

Paint shop room floor. \$200		
Paint 4 classrooms. \$3500		
Install water fountain on baseball field. \$500		
Replace wood stall doors in bathrooms. \$2,500		
Guardrail along softball field - 300' @ \$18/ft. \$5,400		
Stage Curtains \$5,000	4,100	
Repairs to equipment decreased based on actual.	-700	-8,970
Other Purchased Services		
Decreased by one SPED out of district placement.	-52,000	
Decrease in preschool tuition	-1,602	
Decrease in property insurance, last year the estimate was higher based on Sept. 11th and budgeted this year was based on actual.	-4,575	-58,177
Supplies		
Increase for textbook replacement at MHS.	9,369	
Athletic supplies both MHS and Elementary school.	1,955	
Licensing software and phone connections for computers.	14,000	25,324
Property		
Decrease in replacement items needed for the buildings.		-3,851
Dues & Fees		
Increase in contingency for unanticipated expenses.		1,860
Debt Service		-12,285
		-277,117
		Total Variance

**SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEFAULT CALCULATION
BOARD APPROVED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2004**

		DEFAULT (RSA 40:13) 2003/2004	BUDGET BOARD APPROVED 2003/2004
A. TOTAL BUDGET		\$7,179,897	\$7,046,757
(INCLUDES FOOD SERVICE, FED PROJECTS, & DEBT SERVICE)			
(DOES NOT INCLUDE WARRANT ARTICLES)			
B. REDUCTIONS FROM 2002/2003 BUDGET			
DEBT SERVICE			
	PRINCIPLE (FY2003)	(270,000)	
	INTEREST (FY2003)	(131,760)	
CONTRACTS			
	FRINGE BENEFITS (FY2003)	(1,104,126)	
OBLIGATIONS			
	FEDERAL PROJECTS (FY2003)	(50,000)	
	FOOD SERVICE (FY2003)	(175,000)	
	SPECIAL EDUCATION (FY2003)	(1,505,615)	
OTHER	CONTRACTS	(41,890)	
		<u>(\$3,278,391)</u>	
C. ADDITIONS TO 2002/2003 BUDGET			
DEBT SERVICE			
	PRINCIPLE (FY2004)	270,000	
	INTEREST(FY2004)	119,475	
CONTRACTS			
	FRINGE BENEFITS (FY2004)	979,043	
OBLIGATIONS			
	FEDERAL PROJECTS (FY2004)	181,086	
	FOOD SERVICE (FY2004)	187,890	
	SPECIAL EDUCATION (FY2004)	1,352,621	
	CONTRACTS	41,890	
		<u>\$3,132,005</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$7,033,511</u>	<u>\$7,046,757</u>
		<u>Variance</u>	<u>(13,246)</u>

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

TAX RATE IMPACT FOR ALL WARRANT ARTICLES FISCAL YEAR 2004

July 2003 to June 2004

<u>ITEM</u>	<i>Warrant Article proposed for next year, 2004</i>	<u>FY 2004</u>
Article #3	Operating Budget FY 2004(a decrease from FY2003)	(0.72)
Article #4	Renovations to Sherburne Gym	0.88
Article #5	Proposed teacher contract, impact for FY2004	0.25
Article #6	Replacement tractor	0.02
Article #7	Replacement pickup truck	0.03
Article #8	Replacement school bus	0.14
Article #9	Elementary school renovation program/structural analysis.	0.07
Article #10	New elementary school playground equipment	0.04
Article #11	Special Education Trust Fund	0.00
Article #12	Capital Reserve Fund	0.12
Article #14	Startup cost for new SAU if article #13 passes	0.14
Total FY2004 budget		<u>0.97</u>

July 2002 to June 2003

<u>ITEM</u>	<i>Special Warrant Article voted last March, 2002 for the current year, 2003.</i>	<u>FY 2003</u>
Article #4	Special Education Trust Fund	0.00
Article #5	Capital Reserve Fund	0.12
Article #6	Demolish and site preparation of Sherburne house and Sorrento house.	0.07
Article #7	Air Conditioning to protect the computer equipment	0.10
Total FY2003 Warrant Articles		<u>0.29</u>

If all Articles for FY2004 are approved the total tax increase will be **0.68**

On a home valued at \$130,000 the yearly tax increase would be approximately \$89

TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

March 12, 2002

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Sunapee qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium located on Route 11, in said Sunapee, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, February 5, 2002 at 7:00 PM for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting, to deliberate upon the articles, and to meet again at the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium located on Route 11, in said Sunapee, New Hampshire on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM for the second session of the Annual School District Meeting, to vote by ballot upon the following articles.

Moderator, Harry S. Gale opened the deliberative session of school district meeting on Tuesday, February 5 2002 at 7:03 PM. The moderator introduced the head table. He explained the SB2 rules for the meeting and reviewed the following housekeeping items: no smoking in the building, if there were an emergency he gave directions to exits, registered voters only would be allowed to speak, all amendments must be in writing, all questions are to be made to the moderator, certain articles are not amendable, but questions on these articles will be allowed, and all motions require a second.

The assembly observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the September 11 tragedy. Alan Peterson, Tom Witham and Don Roberts sang God Bless America and the National Anthem. Everyone then said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shaun Carroll, chairman of the school board, gave a status of projects voted upon at the prior year's school meeting. The underground heating oil tanks were repaired, the heating system control and distribution system at the Central Elementary School were repaired and upgraded, and the Sorento property was purchased. The access/emergency exit in the Sherburne gym is scheduled to be done during the April vacation. The old boiler in the Central Elementary School failed and was replaced with two new boilers at a cost of \$51,768.05 of which \$48,795 was paid by

insurance. New and replacement computers and a school bus were purchased.

ARTICLE 1

To choose a moderator, clerk, and treasurer for the ensuing year and to choose two members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Shaun Carroll moved the article and Christine Stoddard seconded it.

The moderator moved the article to the official ballot.

The polls were open on March 12th, 2002 from 8:00 AM through 7:00 PM. There were 923 votes cast as follows:

***Denotes Winner.**

School Moderator	*Harry S. Gale	778	Votes
1 Year Term			
School Board	Katherine J. Armstrong	347	Votes
3 Year Term			
	Gerald A. Brailsford Sr.	107	Votes
3 Year Term			
	*Shaun P. Carroll Jr.		602
Votes 3 Year Term			
	*Peter E. Titus		411
Votes 3 Year Term			
School Clerk	*Charlotte G. Brown	762 Votes	1 Year
Term			
School Treasurer	*Alan W. Doherty	731 Votes	1 Year
Term			

ARTICLE 2

To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Moderator passed over this article.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Sunapee School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special

warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$7,179,897. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$7,182,536, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Sunapee School District or by law or by the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only? (Note: Warrant Article #3 (operating budget) does not include appropriations under any other warrant article.)

(School Board recommends approval)

(Budget Advisory Committee recommends approval)

Shaun Carroll moved the article and Christine Stoddard seconded it. Stoddard explained that the tax impact would be \$0.76 per thousand assessment. Staffing and debt represented 88% of the base costs in the operating budget while the other 12% represented supplies, operations and co-curricular activities. The new summer program has been a success. The major increases were 30% for health insurance, 1% for dental insurance, 15% for life insurance and a \$31,060 increase in the SAU budget. The special education budget was decreased although \$67,000 was budgeted for out of district placements. Some maintenance of buildings is now in the operating budget instead of in warrant articles. Guy Alexander asked why were there negative numbers on the report detailing the differences between this year's budget and next year's budget. Stoddard explained that this allows showing the net of the increases and decreases. Stoddard then explained the default budget calculation. Laura Trow asked what the effect the students from Goshen have. Stoddard replied that their tuition decreases our costs.

Stephen White moved to amend Article 3 to read as follows:

Shall the Sunapee School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$7,179,890. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget

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***748 YES**

175 NO

ARTICLE 4

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(School Board recommends approval) No tax impact.

(Budget Advisory Committee recommends approval)

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***671 YES**

252 NO

would need a lot of renovations and made handicap accessible. He stated that the intent was to close the road and not use the house. Guy Alexander stated that he was opposed to the purchase of the Sorento property and is also opposed to tearing down the house. Alexander suggested that the house could be used for special education or perhaps used as office space for a new SAU if Sunapee should vote to withdraw from the SAU#43. Alexander also stated that he was in favor to demolishing the Sherburne building. Carroll then explained that the special education students need to be with the other students, the Sorento house is not laid out for offices, the school district needs a certain minimum acreage to qualify for some grants for expansion. The moderator asked for further discussion, being none, the article was moved to the official ballot.

***578 YES**

340 NO

ARTICLE 7

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum of forty three thousand dollars (\$43,000) to provide air conditioning for the protection of the computer equipment at the Sunapee Middle High School?

(School Board recommends approval)

(Budget Advisory Committee recommends approval)

Christine Stoddard moved the article and Peter Titus seconded it. Titus explained that the air conditioning involves the CAD lab, computer lab and the closet that houses the servers which are all internal rooms. This is not for personal comfort. Robert Thompson asked what is the basis for the \$43,000 and how much equipment is in these rooms. Titus stated that the high concentration of machines create a lot of heat in the old part of the building. He stated that the amount of money requested is based on quotes for air conditioning contractors. Daniel Hudkins explained that the lowest temperature in the closet that houses the servers is 84 degrees and the temperature has risen as high as 102 degrees. David Montambeault, speaking on behalf of the Budget Advisory Committee, stated that last year we spent \$50,000 on new computers and every year we will replace 20% of existing computers. Montambeault then stated that the BAC strongly

recommends protecting our investments. Carroll then mentioned that there had been other areas where air conditioning was originally proposed but only the computer areas are being considered necessary at this time. The moderator asked for further discussion, being none, the article was moved to the official ballot.

***532 YES**

380 NO

PETITION ARTICLE 8

To see if the voters of the Sunapee School District will vote to create a planning committee as described in RSA 194-C: 2 for the purpose of studying the desirability of withdrawal of the Sunapee School District from SAU #43?

Alan Doherty moved the article and Stephen White seconded it. The moderator stated that the article had to be framed in the form of a question and he instructed the school district clerk to modify it. The clerk, Charlotte Brown modified it to read:

Are you in favor of having the Sunapee School District create a planning committee as described in RSA 194-C: 2 for the purpose of studying the desirability of withdrawal of the Sunapee School District from SAU #43?

Laura Trow asked what has changed since 1997 when voters were asked to withdraw from the SAU#43 and turned down the article. The moderator stated that petitions need to be place on the warrant. Alan Doherty who initiated the article mentioned that the committee can conclude with a yes or no recommendation. He also stated these reasons for the article: 1) costs of the SAU have gone up dramatically, 2) newspaper articles indicate that the SAU is treating Sunapee as a separate unit with two superintendents having separate responsibilities - one to Newport and the other to Sunapee, 3) a central office environment becomes a bureaucracy and authority is drawn away from the local district. The moderator asked for further discussion, being none, the article was moved to the official ballot.

***641 YES**

260 NO

Moderator Gale asked for any other business.

Stephen White asked the school board to explain how the state can mandate a default budget that is greater than the state's adequate education amount. Christine Stoddard stated that the board could answer the question. Stoddard then explained that the state average is decreased by transportation, food service and debt service while Sunapee's calculation is based on total cost. White then stated that what is actually budgeted should be based on last year's actual. Stoddard answered that the process goes back to the voter approved prior budget. David Montambeault, speaking as a resident, stated that he supports the budget but does not support the fact that a person cannot make an amendment. He asked the moderator to show which law states that a person cannot change the default budget. The moderator ruled Montambeault out of order. White then stated that he would withdraw the amendment and thanked Montambeault for his comment. Daniel Hudkins thanked the school board and the budget advisory committee for their hard word and mentioned that the changes in the SAU resulted in more on the shoulders of the school board. Moderator Gale thanked Daniel Hudkins and the techie students from the high school for taping the meeting and for the visual effects. Christine Stoddard moved to close the meeting and Shaun Carroll seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Signed: _____
Charlotte G. Brown
School District Clerk

Dated: _____

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